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Please mention where you saw this card. 1744

The Wife's Reverte.

O heart of mine, is your estate—
Sweet estate—of joy assured—
It came so slow, it came so late,
Bought by such bitter pains endured;
Dare we forget those sorrows sore,
And think that they will come no more?

With tearful eyes I scan my face,
And doubt how he can find it fair;
Wistful, I watch each charm and grace
I see that other women wear;
Of all the secrets of love's lore,
I know but one, to love him more!

I see each day, he grows more wise,
His life is broader far than mine;
I must be lacking in his eyes,
In many things where others shine.
O heart! can we this loss restore
To him, by simply loving more!

I often see upon his brow,
A look half tender and half stern;
His thoughts are far away, I know;
To whom then, I vainly yearn;
But night is ours, when we are alone,
O heart! we can but love him more!

Sometimes think that he had loved
An older, deeper love, apart
From this which later feebler moved
His soul to mine. O heart! O heart!
What can we do? This burthen sore,
Nothing, my heart, but love him more!

—Sage Holm, in "Farmer Bassett's Romance,"
Scribner's Monthly.

MY FLIRTATION.

I had plenty of beaux when I was young,
And I liked that very much. However, I had
heart enough at bottom, and when Steve
Lashley asked me to marry him, in the end I
consented, though I kept him in suspense
along at first.

Neither Steve nor I were rich. My father
had sufficient income to keep the family in a
good style of living; but he saved nothing,
and I could expect nothing from him when I
married. Steve had just begun to practice
medicine, and was struggling as young doctors
must. There was a pretty house just
outside the town that Steve and I had prom-
ised to live in for a long time, and I had prom-
ised to give it to him as soon as he could
afford it.

By dint of such struggling and economy
as I never could have guessed, he put by
enough for the first payment, and was plod-
ding on patiently toward the second and last.

I can see now what a selfish wretch I was,
what a wretch, indeed, to please myself with
the flatteries of others, while Steve was work-
ing so faithfully for me.

That sounds as though I wasn't going to
marry Steve for love, but I was.

Our town was something of a fashionable
resort for summer boarders; and many of the
people were in the habit of taking boarders
there. Father had always objected to our do-
ing so; but this summer of which I speak he
fell in with a stranger, as he was returning
from a long ride in the country, who having
shared his phaeton with him during the home-
ward drive, succeeded in so ingratiating him-
self with my father that he allowed him to
board with us.

The stranger was very much in my line—
distinguished-looking, possessing an eloquent
pair of eyes nearly the color of my own, and
having a propensity for saying "sweet things"
that were just delicious to a girl of my turn.

It was such fun to draw him out, and then
laugh at him; to invite and repulse in the
same breath. It was genuine flirtation, as
much so to him as to me.

Steve came often to see me, but he did not
see me alone, and he never stayed late.

Steve's sister Marian and I were intimate,
and spent much time together. Poor Steve
enjoyed my visits to Marian better than he did
seeing me anywhere else, and I liked it, too,
as much because of seeing him as Marian. It
was then a miserable piece of heartlessness
for me to permit Mr. Fordyce, the "stranger,"
to accompany me thither, thus parading, as it
were, my conquest, and the accomplishments
and attractions of Steve's new rival, in the
most disagreeable manner possible.

Steve was good-natured, and kept his disap-
pointment to himself; but he did not like Mr.
Fordyce, and he was quite alone in that. Ev-
erybody liked Mr. Fordyce but Steve. He was
an immensely popular man in our small com-
munity, entering as he did with such gen-
eral zeal into all our interests, and bearing him-
self generally toward all.

When Parson Hammond, who lived nearest
to us, lost a valuable horse from his stable,
and came over to our house to see about pur-
suing the thief, Mr. Fordyce, though he had
just come home from a jaunt with some
friends, which kept him most of the night,
insisted upon being one of the pursuing party,
and indeed quite led it. It was the same way
when Mr. Duval's shop was broken open and
robbed. Mr. Fordyce went over and over the
ground, and gave shrewd guesses as to how
the robbery had been managed than any
one else. When other thefts of a similar na-
ture, and also of lesser degree, continued to
vex and puzzle us from time to time, it was
Mr. Fordyce who insisted on severer mea-
sures, prevailed on the authorities to offer
large rewards for the apprehension of the of-
fenders, and made himself so active in the
matter as to win the gratitude of the whole
town.

He often joined our social gatherings and
became the life of them. I was quite en-
vied in having his escort so frequently, and he
was very soon circulated that we were engaged.

Steve and I had some words on the subject
several times; and because it was so un-
usual for him to resent in such a matter, I re-
sented it when he did; and the more I suspected
myself to be in the wrong, the more I resolved I
would not own it.

I detected Steve's dislike of Mr. Fordyce,
and taxed him with it. Steve said nothing,
but he only shook his head and looked grave-
ly at me when I praised him. He never said
a word about him that he did not believe in
him. Steve objected to my intimacy with
him on rather general grounds, and I answered
him in such an ill-tempered manner that
Steve, not being ice but flint, struck fire, and
retorted angrily for the first time in all our
acquaintance. The result was a serious cool-
ness. Steve apologized for his part of it the
next day, but I listened coolly and restrained
my anger.

I flirted with Mr. Fordyce more desperately
than ever after that, but the affair had really
lost all its relish for me. I went recklessly
on, however, in my foolish course, till Mr.
Fordyce in so many words asked me to marry
him. I don't know what it was about the man
that all at once struck me as insincere. I knew
that he did not mean what he said; and yet
he wore a very lovable-like air, and he would
have clasped and kissed me if I had not
shrunk swiftly away from him.

I answered him, however, as though he had
spoken sincerely, and told him what I did
not often acknowledge, that I was engaged to
Steve Lashley. No man likes to hear "No."

from a woman's lips, even when his petition is
an idle one. For the first time I saw Mr.
Fordyce's face distorted with a sneer of anger
and dislike; and I knew that my poor Steve's
strange feeling was reciprocated by that gen-
tleman with at least equal intensity.

One night there was a party at Steve's fa-
ther's. It was Marian's birthday. Mr. For-
dyce took me over about seven o'clock. It
was a gay party. We had dancing, which we
did not always have, and the music and sup-
per were good. I danced with Steve several
times, and being in good spirits, found it rat-
her difficult to maintain the distance I had
lately adopted toward him. His eyes, too,
had such a soft tender light in them, and his
lips such a brightness.

"Come into the garden a minute, Bell," he
whispered to me at the close of a dance; "I
have something to say to you,"—and for the
life of me I could not say no.

When we were in the bright moonlit gar-
den he stopped where a clump of lilac bushes
hid us from the house, and he drew from his
bosom a roll of notes.

"I shall finish paying for our house to-mor-
row, dear," he said, in a voice that excessive
happiness made tremulous. "I drew the
money from the bank to-day—twenty-five
hundred dollars. Ah, how I have worked for
this hour!"

"I should have been harder than a mill-stone
if I had not forgotten all my foolish anger at
that moment, if I had not melted rather from
my coldness; for I was as glad as he was,
and I dropped my head on his shoulder there
in the moonlight, and cried happy, happy, re-
morseful tears.

"Steve," I said, "you shall let me keep the
money till morning. I shall think I have
dreamed if you don't."

Steve laughed, but let me have my way.
Ah, what a foolish whim it was. Few wo-
men would have dared to take charge of such
a sum of money; and fewer men would have
permitted them. But Steve knew it was as
safe in all common calculation, with me as
with himself.

As we turned toward the house for a single
instant I thought I saw the figure of a man
across the path; but, looking back, I saw
nothing but the lilac bushes tossing in the
summer air.

"What's the matter?" said Steve, noticing
my backward gaze.

"I thought I saw the figure of a man cross-
ing the path," I replied.

"Nonsense!" said he; and we were indoors.
Well, Steve and I were the happiest pair
that ever lived, and Mr. Fordyce saw, and
could not quite keep his eyes from saying that
he hated us both for it, or I fancied so.

The party broke up at twelve o'clock; that
was late for us, and Mr. Fordyce having
brought me there, took me home. On the way
he told me of another robbery that had
taken place the night before at one of the ho-
tels. A person had been robbed of \$500,
which he had just received at the bank. Per-
haps it was that story, truly as I was, that
made me bestow some thought on a hiding
place for Steve's money.

Seriously as I took down my hair and ar-
ranged it for the night; then, with a laugh at
my own ingenuity, I tucked the roll of notes
in my luxuriant tresses, and drew a net over
to hold all in place. I was asleep almost the
instant my head touched the pillow.

I ought to have slept sound, and dreamed
happy dreams, but I did not. Some counter-
influence seemed to ruffle my slumbers and I
awoke.

Some one was in my room. I knew it as
well as though I could see, and the room was
too dark for that. There was no sound either,
but for all that I was not asleep. I tried to
scream, to raise my voice. I was frozen with
terror. I never thought once of the money,
or robbers, or anything that I know of. I was
only frightened so that I could not move hand
or foot, or make a noise. I don't know but I
stopped breathing. I can remember yet how
cold I felt though the night was warm.

Suddenly, without the warning of a breath,
I was conscious that a hand was creeping
steadily about my pillow.

I did not think of the money even then. As
terror had stolen my senses so now it
brought some of them back. I gave one
scream and sprang from the bed, or tried to.

Two strong arms stopped me; a firm hand
held me while the other hand vainly sought
to loose my hair. The net, more obstinate than
nets usually are, would not come off, prob-
ably because, in my hurry, my mysterious as-
sailant was unconscious of its pliant meshes.

He pulled my hair in his awkward attempts
horribly. The pain was like a spur to me.
As his arm lay across my arms I bent my
head swiftly, and fastened my teeth upon it
with a vicious snap that only a woman in
my situation would have been capable of.

The unexpectedness of the attack dissolved
my bond. With an audible oath he let me go,
and I darted away with winged feet, and
net and hair in the passage. Of course I faint-
ed there and there; and by the time anybody
got into my room my robber had made good
his escape.

Alas, however, he should not have allowed
himself to swear, above all, to a woman with
such acute ears as I had. I had heard the
voice, and knew it belonged to Mr. Fordyce.

Father turned pale when I told him, but he
cautioned me not to betray that I suspected
any one at present, and he took Steve's mon-
itor under his special charge. We all met at
breakfast. I should have said that Mr. For-
dyce had made his appearance about the same
time as the rest of the family whom my
screams had aroused, and in the most nat-
ural manner. He came down to breakfast,
now, smiling, and just enough interested in
my adventure.

Father went into town after breakfast, and
Mr. Fordyce sat in the garden and smoked.
The officers who came to arrest him stole up
on him from the back way, and secured him
before he thought of resistance.

It was a plain case. They found proof
enough of robberies he had been at the bot-
tom of all along hid away in his trunks, and
he owned them at last with smiling non-
chalance, turning back his sleeve actually,
when no one was looking, and showing me
the prints my teeth had made on his arm,
kissing them with the old gallant impress-
ment.

Of course Steve made his payment, and
we were married at an early day.

Most farmers have the notion that once a
week is often enough to salt cows, but the
fact is, the oftener it is done the better. A
tablespoonful, every morning, will greatly in-
crease the supply of milk.

Mr. Dobbs says that he has one of the
most obedient boys in the world. He tells
him to do as he pleases, and he does it with-
out a murmur. No man likes to hear "No."

QUEER QUERIES.

The following list of questions will puzzle
a good many children, and those of "larger
growth" will not answer them without con-
siderable research.

What three Ex-Presidents died on the 4th
of July?
What animal is always blind?
What man did without meat when a boy, in
order to purchase books?

Which one of the United States borders on
eight states?
What trees are celebrated in our history?
If the earth turned in an opposite direction,
where would the sun rise?

What Presidents declined re-election for the
third term?
Why has Patagonia no capital?
What five Presidents were not elected to
that office by the people?

Why cannot the owl see in daylight?
Who was "Light Horse Harry"?
Is one thousand and sixteen hundred a num-
ber?

Which is correct, "2 and 2 are four" or "2
and 2 is four"?
How can you tie a knot in a bone?
What did Ethan Allen believe would be the
future state of man?

Does the sun really rise and set each day?
What was the price of a negro when first
sold in Virginia?
What animal has its eyes on the top of its
head?

Can you move your upper jaw?
When was the "Boston Elm" blown down?
The French government is talking of caus-
ing it to rain in Northern Sahara. How can
this be done?

Who discovered the circulation of the
blood?
What did Capt. Smith take from the In-
dians and hold until they filled his boats with
corn?

What was found in "Roger Williams's
grave"?
How many pounds in a ton of gold?
When was the mariner's compass invented?
What caused the death of King Phillip's
little son?

Which way does the seed point in the ap-
ple?
Whose flesh did Uneas [Indian] declare the
sweetest he had ever tasted?
Which way does the bean stalk wind in
growing?

What has always been considered the "Lost
Colony of America"?
Where are the largest land turtles found?
What did Columbus think Hayti was?
Who signed the Declaration of Indepen-
dence first?

Do rocks grow?
Who received Washington's commission
when he resigned it?
Will it take any more brick to build a wall
over the Mount than a wall from place of be-
ginning place of ending, on a level? (Walls
to the same height and thickness.)

What was done with King Phillip's little
son?
What bird lays an egg weighing three
pounds?
What was Capt. John Smith to give for his
release from Powhatan?

Is a white man a colored man?
Who took J. C. Calhoun's place as Vice-
President (U. S.) when he resigned?
The chicken is a native of what country?
What Vice-President took the oath of of-
fice in Cuba?

Why does a black slate pencil make a white
mark?
Who stopped to kiss a slave child on his
way to execution?
What is putty made of?

Who was President of the Second Con-
tinental Congress?
What is the only marsupial of America?
Who could never read the "Trade Acts"
without a curse?
What did England pay per head for the
Hessians? [Revolution.]

What signs of Arithmetic are called the
signs?
Who arrested Columbus on Hayti island?
What is the velocity of light?
What did Columbus make out of the Santa
Maria?

What date is four months and fifteen days
before April 15th, 1876? On the last ques-
tion, the number of different results will as-
tonish you.

A BLUE GLASS MAN.

He had read about blue glass, and believed in
it, and was determined to be the healthiest
individual in town. "Have you any blue glass
in strips for windows?" inquired he as he
rushed into a glazing shop. "We have, sir,"
was the cheerful reply; "just the thing, as
recommended in the Plesanton theory."

"Well, then," said Bluey, "I'll take enough
for four windows." He paid the money and
departed, while the glazier chuckled. Good
thing for us fellows, the blue-glass craziness.
Bluey kept on. He went into an optician's
and bought a pair of blue goggles to wear on
his eyes. He dropped into a hat store and
ordered a little round piece of blue glass put
in the top of his hat, in place of the usual tin
ventilator. He then partook of a dinner of
blue fish, at a restaurant with a blue skylight,
dipped his fingers into a blue glass finger
bowl, and refused to drink anything until the
waiter hunted him up a tumbler with a blue
glass bottom. The day was now spent, and
going home in a blue-light street car, the blue-
light man, meeting his children at the door,
refused to kiss any but those having blue
eyes, sat down in a blue chair to read a copy
of the blue laws of Connecticut, and got into
such a fit of the blues that he took some blue
ink, and writing in his will that at his death
the glass in his coffin should be blue glass,
and his monument be made of blue granite,
he grabbed a revolver and blew out his brains.

LUCK AND LABOR.—Don't charge your failure
to "bad luck," my boy. I'll tell you what
your trouble is, you are lazy. Learn Mr.
Cobden's proverb about "Luck and Labor."

Luck is waiting for something to turn up;—
Labor, with keen eyes and strong will, will
turn up something.

Luck lies in bed and wishes the postman
would bring him news of a legacy;—
Labor turns out at six o'clock, and with
busy pen or ringing hammer lays the founda-
tion of a competence.

Luck whines;—
Labor whistles.
Luck relies on chances;—
Labor, on character.
Luck slips now to indigence;—
Labor strides upward to independence.

The Journal.

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 1877.

Our gifted poet, Henry W. Longfellow, passed his 70th birthday Tuesday quietly at his home in Cambridge, where he received the congratulations and good wishes of many friends and admirers.

Diaz is on the topmost wave of success in Mexico. Having the Government already in his hands, the recent election passed off quietly and he was elected President by a large majority, so that we may now expect comparative quiet for a few weeks, or until Lerdo or some of those fellows get up a revolution against Diaz.

A COMMITTEE of the British Parliament recommends the adoption of the American system of weather observations, and before many years the system is likely to be adopted in all the principal countries. "Old Probs." is certainly a great success, and it will be very gratifying to our young nation to have originated a system which the older nations honor us by adopting.

At the End—Hayes Declared Elected President!

The end of the Electoral Count in Congress was reached Thursday night, and Governor Hayes was declared elected President of the United States. The commission had decided every State in dispute in favor of the Republican electors by a vote of 8 to 7. A minority of the Democratic House filibustered ineffectually all along, and it took a session of the warmest kind Thursday night to finish the business. The better portion of the Democrats became disgusted with the factious members of the party, and went with the Republicans in opposing further delay. The last objections of the House were made on Wisconsin, but as there were no double returns from that State the objections could not go to the Commission, and consequently were no hindrance to the election of Hayes. The Senate has behaved with dignity and fairness throughout the struggle, while a large portion of the Democratic members of the House have acted disgracefully.

Governor Hayes and a party of friends started from Columbus for Washington on Thursday, his townsmen giving him a brilliant ovation the day before. All along his route large crowds of people gathered at the stations to welcome him. He was expected to reach Washington Friday, and his formal inauguration will take place on Monday, though it is possible that he may take the oath of office on Sunday, the 4th of March.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

Postmaster McArthur of Chicago was on Saturday found to be a defaulter to the amount of \$38,000, which he used to run his iron foundry, thinking he would refund the money when better times came. His bondsmen will save the Government from loss.

Two schooners were wrecked in Plum-gut inlet on the New York coast on Saturday night, and seven men of the crews were drowned.

Mrs. Hiram Young killed her two children, a boy of 4 and a girl 2 years old, last Friday, at Newark, N. J., splitting both their heads open with an axe and mangling them fearfully. There had been trouble in the family, which belonged in Canada, and she is thought to be insane.

Thomas MacDuffy, the Montreal representative of a British lumber firm, has absconded with \$40,000.

The Scotch whaling steamer Spitzbergen, has been lost with all hands on board, numbering 22 persons.

A Boston gentleman was robbed of \$40,000 in bonds Monday afternoon at his residence, but finding that they were not used in the robbery he kindly returned them the same evening.

A fracas occurred between a couple of men Sunday who were playing cards at the Leet one bed in West Stockbridge, one of them being stabbed several times and his breast cut open so as to expose the left lung and heart. He will probably die. The assailant escaped.

Rev. Dr. C. Thorpe, Episcopal rector at Bury, P. Q., has eloped with a young woman, leaving a wife and two children. He was arrested in Vermont, but couldn't be held. Rev. E. N. Burdick, a Baptist minister at Thurman, N. Y., 65 years old, was too intimate with a married woman, and has been deposed from the ministry.

A respectable woman in New York committed suicide the other day by throwing herself from the roof of her residence, because of stories which had been circulated defaming her character, but which were unfounded.

Four men were instantly killed by the explosion of a boiler at Alford, Ind., one day last week, and four others severely injured.

Two workmen were killed and four fatally injured by the fall of a scaffolding at Bethlehem, Pa., on Monday.

Charles F. Mauran of Newport, R. I., was found dead in his room Monday night. Cause, supposed overdose of opium.

J. P. Hassler of Carlisle, Pa., cashier of the Carlisle Deposit bank, hung himself on Monday, because he had been arrested for embezzlement of \$10,000. About 14 years ago W. H. Bectan, then cashier of the same bank, hung himself on the same rafter for the same offense, and was cut down by Hassler.

When we stated last week that nearly \$200 had been raised in Stafford, Ct., toward prosecuting the liquor dealers, we made a mistake of a cipher. Over \$2000 has been raised, and another \$1000 pledged if needed, the people being determined to make thorough work of it. The heads of 40 beer barrels were knocked out on Tuesday in that place.

The First Baptist church in Springfield are thinking of calling Rev. Dr. Anable of North Adams to their pulpit, recently vacated by Rev. Mr. Merrill; but they will have to pay a higher salary than ever before, probably, to get him, as he now receives \$3000 and rent of parsonage.

A fragment of a meteor fell in Iowa, and was carried away by the man who found it. The owner of the ground used to recover the curiosity, and the suit was decided in his favor.

Dion Boucault has put 367 pieces upon the stage, and they have yielded him not far from \$3,000,000.

LOCAL BUSINESS NOTICES.

Don't forget Eager, the Boot Maker. E. S. Brooks has a nice line of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Solid Silver and Plated Ware, just in and at prices clear down. W. A. Parsons & Co. have just received another invoice of Pantaloons, which they are selling at the same low prices. They are going fast.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Navigation is open on the Quabog river. The painters are renovating the outside of J. F. Holbrook's house. The schools in town will not close this year until after town meeting.

Dwight M. Stebbins and E. B. Murdoch have been drawn as jurors.

Cashier Green has arrived at Denver, and is steadily improving in health.

One hundred and forty-seven tramps were lodged in the tramp room last month.

Some interesting notes will be found in our Springfield and Boston letters this week.

"Comical Brown" did not open house last Saturday evening on account of the inclement weather.

A Boston & Albany train cut-tailed the life of a well-known Blanchardville dog, "Guess," on Tuesday.

Preaching in Wales Hall to-morrow, morning and evening, by C. E. Nash of Tufts Divinity school.

Don't forget that on and after to-morrow the barbers will close their shops on Sunday. Get shaved to-night.

The Tockwotton House is to be enlarged April 1st, by the addition of several nice rooms on the north end.

The Universalists had one of their pleasantest societies this week, with John A. Squier, Prof. Zuchtman of Springfield as guest.

Persons desiring absolutely safe kerosene lamps have now an opportunity to purchase them at wholesale prices, as will be seen in our advertising columns.

An incendiary set fire to the cottage of William Hancock, east of Blanchardville, Monday night, but it was discovered in season to prevent the destruction of the house.

S. B. Gould, the well-known proprietor of the Palmer & Southbridge stage line, died at his home in Brimfield Thursday morning. He had been sick for about a year with dropsy.

The shop occupied by C. Hitchcock has been divided, and the new store thus made will be occupied by Miss Eliza Weeks as a millinery and fancy goods store, and an addition of ten feet in the rear of both stores will be made.

Stockholders were not granted a free ride, Wednesday, to attend the adjourned meeting of the B. & A. R. R., and thereby many a poor sinner was denied the privilege of an hour under the benign influence of Moody's preaching.

The inspectors of the State Primary School have appointed Dr. Wm. Holbrook physician for the school, at a salary of \$400. The health of the children is usually so good that they don't need much doctor's stuff.

Two weeks from next Monday comes our annual town election. Already nearly half a dozen different boards of officers have been named, and it is quite likely there may be a radical change, but for what reason it will be difficult to explain.

Next week the Lyceum will enjoy a spy paper from the ladies—Misses Newell and Bailey, editors, and then consider the question, "Resolved, That the acquisition of Turkey by Russia would benefit the world." Debaters, H. J. Lawrence and G. H. Appleton; substitutes, H. C. Strong and Fredk Allen.

The Excelsior club adopted a constitution and got fairly into running shape Monday evening. Next Monday evening there will be a debate on the following question: "Resolved, That the Excelsior club is of more importance than the Lyceum." Affirmative, Charles Griebel, substitute, Everett Sedgwick; negative, Adelbert Northrop, substitute, Fred Loomis.

An agent is canvassing this and adjoining towns for a new work, "Annals of North America," by Edward Howland, which has just been published. It contains a concise account of all the important events that have occurred on this continent from its discovery up to the present time, arranged chronologically, with a carefully prepared index, making it a very valuable book for reference as well as for reading.

A correspondent suggests that the selectmen put an article in their warrant to see if the town will appropriate money for the purchase of spittoons to be used in our school rooms, and says that in at least one of the schools in town they are in use for the accommodation of the tobacco-chewing scholars. By all means, let's have the spittoons, for not every poor scholar can afford to buy his own; and in some of our first-class schools it might not be amiss to build on smoking rooms for youthful lovers of the weed. The refining and elevating tobacco-habits of the children should be encouraged, of course.

THREE RIVERS.

Rev. Mr. Holman closes his pastorate of the Baptist church with this month.

Clark & Hastings have disposed of their meat market to Geo. H. Strickland.

WILBRAHAM.

The closing examinations for the term occur next Monday and Tuesday.

The students in Miss Daggett's classes at the academy have presented her a handsome gold chain.

COLLINS DEPOT.

The district schools closed last week, and will not resume again until May. A barn belonging to Mr. Hascall, about a mile from Collins Depot, was burned during his absence last week Wednesday night, by an incendiary.

BONDVILLE.

The dramatic club are making arrangements to present Uncle Tom's Cabin in the near future.

C. Johnson has disposed of his store to Messrs. Morse and Parent of Belchertown. Mr. Johnson soon leaves for Holden.

The Sunday school exhibition will be presented in the church vestry on the 14th, 15th and 16th inst. There will be a festival on the last two evenings.

WARREN.

Town meeting next Monday. The Methodist had a fair and turkey supper Thursday evening.

Services were resumed in the Universalist church last Sunday.

The band has been practicing twice a week during the winter. It numbers 24 pieces.

The Warren Aqueduct company are considering measures for an increased supply of water.

LUDLOW.

Measles are prevailing at Jenksville. The Methodists, at their recent festival, cleared nearly \$100.

At last week's meeting of the Jenksville

Reform club, nine new names were added to its list of members.

About 40 of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Sikes gave them a surprise visit Wednesday evening, it being the 22d anniversary of their marriage.

Ludlow is in excellent financial condition, being entirely out of debt and having about \$500 ahead. The receipts for the past year were \$12,604 and the expenses \$11,961, of which \$1195 went for the poor, \$1913 for schools, \$1476 for highway and bridge repairs, and \$1063 for new roads and bridges.

SOUTH WILBRAHAM.

M. H. Langdon has sold his house to John M. Belden.

Mrs. Emily H. Allen has sold her place in this village, known as the Dr. Cady place, to William P. Chaffee, for \$2000; possession given immediately.

Clark Goodwill has been notified to vacate the barn and buildings he occupies for a H. H. Cady, and it is supposed another person will occupy them for the same business. Mr. Goodwill will either rent another place or build during the month.

John Clough, administrator of Mary Haradon's estate, advises her homestead at auction the 15th inst. The place is better known hereabouts as the "Beriah Smith farm." The buildings were erected by Mr. Smith, of good material, and the sale should draw together many who desire to purchase a good farm in a pleasant village, near to mills, churches, stores and good schools. The farm consists of some 120 acres of land, nicely divided into mowing and tillage.

WEST WARREN.

John Downey abused his wife Monday night; she complained of him, and on Tuesday he was arrested, taken before Justice Hitchcock of Warren, and fined \$15.80, besides being put under \$200 bonds to keep the peace.

West Warren, with a sudden realization of its own importance, will nominate its quota of town officers, and thus prove to the rest of the town its capacity to nominate men for office even if it is not able to elect them. S. N. Gleason and Cutler Moore of Warren, and J. B. Sibley of West Warren is the favorite ticket for the board of selectmen.

William E. Lincoln sells at auction on Thursday, 50 cows from the Ellis farm. C. H. Ellis, who has run the farm since Mr. Lincoln took possession, has retired, and Ira M. White succeeds him.

Rev. Wm. M. Gay, a former pastor of the Cong. church here, and now located near Thornton Ferry, N. H., was in town this week to make a flying visit among his numerous friends.

W. Frank Conlon, the barber who was burned out recently, having settled with the insurance companies, left town quite suddenly last week, leaving a large number of creditors who think the shave almost too close.

BELCHERTOWN.

T. & S. D. Cowles have sold ninety sleighs this season.

The Reform club holds weekly meetings, and numbers from 30 to 60 members.

R. B. Butler of New Haven has purchased Joel Packard's house and shop for a summer residence.

The band gave a concert Wednesday evening, assisted by M. F. Clare, violin soloist, Edward Little, cornet soloist, and S. D. Cushing, pianist, all of Springfield.

The receipts of the town last year were \$13,637, and the disbursements \$17,240. The net town debt is now \$23,442, having been reduced \$2148 during the year. The poor cost the town \$1843; the schools \$5170, roads and bridges \$2047, incidentals \$2037. The selectmen recommending year: town and pauper expenses, \$3500; support of schools, \$4500; repair of school houses, \$900; highways and bridges, \$2200; interest and principal of town debt, \$3000; total, \$13,500.

Mr. Ely W. Stebbins, who recently died, leaves to his sons a farm which was owned in succession by three generations of his ancestors, his sons thus being the fifth generation from Benjamin Stebbins, who came to this farm from Northampton, and is said to have been the first person to make a permanent residence in Belchertown.

Dorman & Sanford have bought Arthur E. Ferry's grist, saw and plaster mills, and will run them in connection with the mill lately built by Mr. Dorman.

Harlus Bishop, 73 years old, walks a mile to the woods and cuts a cord of wood a day, besides doing his chores.

MONSIEUR.

Rogers & Co. have a new sign.

The district schools closed last week.

Dea. A. W. Porter is very low, and probably cannot recover.

Only one fire in town last year; that was the dwelling house of A. M. Phillips.

George H. Thompson offers his dwelling house for sale, and appears to have the western fervor.

J. F. McCarthy has sold out his saloon, and gone to East Stoughton, in the clothing and boot and shoe trade.

Representative Reynolds is not on the Prison committee, who "visit the Springfield club room and other reformatory institutions."

Timothy F. Packard, who has been quite sick, is much better and will probably soon be around to attend to his express and other business.

W. M. Tucker has a Sebright bantam hen which weighs only one pound and nine ounces, but which produced the other day, an egg measuring 5 x 3.78 inches.

S. F. Cushman and Arthur D. Norcross have gone to Washington to be present at the inauguration. Mr. Norcross contemplates visiting Florida before his return.

J. P. Murphy sells at auction this (Saturday) afternoon, at Mark Noble's stable, his horse, buggy and harness, also his photograph car near by, occupied as a shoe shop.

Albert Phillips has got up the frame of his new house, on the site of the old one burned last Autumn. It will be quite a stylish residence in comparison to the old mansion.

George W. Burdick is starting in for spring trade, having the materials purchased for turning out business wagons and carts, which he thinks will be wanted the coming season.

Charles Fowler has been painting and graining in his store, and an improved appearance would be given to the outside by a new sign, which he contemplates having at some future day.

Kierce Bros., the news dealers, are selling 25 Boston Morning Herald, and 15 of the evening edition. They deliver their papers every morning to their patrons, and supply weeklies and periodicals.

Mark Noble will erect at once a two story building on the vacant lot south of his house, the lower story to be used for stores and the upper part for tenements. He contemplates having it ready for occupancy in 20 days.

"Sidney," the Chinese student who has been at school here for the past three years, reported to Commissioner Yung Wing at Hartford last Saturday, and probably will soon return to China, where he will at once be of service as an interpreter.

The next lecture of the reading room course occurs on Wednesday evening, by Rev. B. G. Northrop. Subject—"Japan as it is." At the last lecture, by Rev. Mr. Tuxbury, the house was well filled, and our citizens who attended were highly pleased and edified.

Scholars neither absent nor tardy last term.

school No. 1, grammar: Hannah Herron, John Herron, Charlie Kepp, George Stone; No. 2, intermediate: James McGuire, Willie Murphy, Frank Cowles; No. 3, primary: Nellie McGuire, Eddie Herron, Irving Jeffs; school No. 4: Carrie Parker, George Mason, Mary Tucker, Lucius Rice, Frank Pease, Everett Parker, Willie Mason, Ralph Tucker; school No. 5: Michael Flynn, Fred Hovey; school No. 6: Pearl Beckwith, Cora Webber, Lora Webber, Omer Bradley; school No. 7: Lizzie Parker; school No. 8, grammar: Nellie L. Clark, Annie M. Crowley, Katie Crowley, Katie Donovan, Minnie L. Riley, Mary A. Hanly, May L. Topliff, Alice Pease, Clara L. Rogers, Hattie L. Wood, Eddie E. Moffitt, John Lynes; school No. 8, intermediate: Della Riley, Julia Leary, Katie Corcoran, Roland Hughes, George Anderson, Freddie Rogers, David Shea; school No. 8, primary: Willie Anderson, Lorin Wood, Mary Bliss, Mary Corcoran; school No. 9: Emma Blanchard, Jane Blanchard, Chester Blanchard, Albert Blanchard, Cady Blanchard; school No. 10: Anna S. Waters, Leon J. Waters; school No. 12: Frank H. Bradley, Fred L. Peck, Herbert M. Smith, Clinton E. Woods; school No. 13: Edgar A. Colburn.

WARE AND VICINITY.

The high school begins again April 2d.

Town meeting next Monday. Let every voter be present.

March came in like a lamb. Look out for the shingles the last part of the month.

The personal property of the late Seth Pierce will be sold at auction next Wednesday afternoon.

All former members of the high school are invited to attend the reunion next Tuesday evening, at the school rooms.

The grammar school closed last week Friday with an interesting examination, and some pleasing recitations. Miss Hattie Merriam gave the valedictory. This school has made very decided improvement during the past term under the teaching of Miss Burleigh.

The high school closed Thursday, with good examinations. The committee and citizens are well satisfied with the condition of the school under its present management. The graduating exercises took place last (Friday) evening, in the Unitarian church.

The school committee at their meeting last Saturday, instructed the secretary of the board to secure the services of W. W. McConnel as principal of the high school, for the ensuing school year, at a salary not exceeding \$1000, and Miss E. N. Miner as assistant, at a salary not exceeding \$400.

In a letter from H. B. Wheelright, agent Sick State Poor, who has been here recently and examined our almshouse, we find some interesting statements concerning our present Board of Overseers of the Poor and their management. He has held his present position for twenty years, and he says, "The present Board's management of the State poor is the best I have ever known in Ware." He also says it has effected an honorable settlement of all the legal pauper claims of the town, upon the State, for the past eleven years, and secured to the town treasury a considerable sum that would otherwise have been hopelessly lost. The following facts in connection with the almshouse, will show this connection show for the town: The city of Worcester, with 49,000 inhabitants, pays but \$700 a year for detouring her poor, and the total pauper expense of the city is \$12,000 annually, on an average, or an average of 26 cents per head for each person, while Ware with a population of 4100 paid last year for her paupers, \$3358.01, or 81 cents a head per individual, on an average, and this year \$1682.88, or 72 1/2 cents per head. This year there have been 16 different inmates at the almshouse; the present number there is 12, and the average for the year 11 1/2. The average cost per week for each individual at the almshouse has been, this year, \$2.88. The total cost of tramps was \$49.63.

In consequence of the erroneous publication in a local paper that the town expenses this year exceeded its appropriation by \$8600, we give below the true figures. Amount appropriated for schools, \$7000; for contingent expenses and school incidentals, \$3500; highways and bridges, \$2000; street lights, memorial day and public library, \$1200; total, \$13,700. Expenditures: roads and bridges, \$1870.02; extraordinary, \$791.95; ordinary, \$2,058.12; memorial day and public library, \$1154.14; contingent expenses, \$1256.28; total, \$12,779.76. The error has arisen by using the total of town orders as a base of calculation, and will be found in the fact that that total covers orders drawn by the last board of selectmen, not reported to town, \$1171.63; amount of last year's debts, \$1461; dog fund, State school fund and discount on taxes (not expenditures), \$1644; total, \$4276.63. The liabilities of the town now are: \$15,154.14; interest on town bonds, \$6500; salary of school committee, vote of town not to exceed \$250; dog highway surveyors, districts Nos. 3 and 4, about \$100; dog constabulary and other town officers, about \$100; dog estate of O. Goff, \$55; dog Wm. Dunbar, \$5; total, \$66,160. Resources: balance in hands of treasurer, \$3,438.24; dog from State aid, \$1200; balance in hands of school committee, \$1500; dog from other towns for paupers, \$253.87; dog in hands of overseers of poor, \$253.87; total, \$6403.11; net town debt, \$59,756.89.

Brief Bits.

—Paris has 51 daily papers.
—Mr. Tilden is in his 64th year.
—President Hayes has no small voices.
—Blue glass is recommended for Mr. Tilden.
—Westfield reduced her indebtedness \$17,000 last year.
—May flowers have appeared in Plymouth county.
—Justice Bradley is said to resemble Andrew Johnson.
—President Grant has had 23 cabinet advisers in eight years.
—Buckwheat cakes are now baked on blue glass griddles.
—President Hayes will be 55 years old on the 4th of next October.
—It is reported that 229 hostile Sioux Indians have surrendered.
—Mr. John H. Gough has just finished the 35th year of his life as a lecturer.
—Eighteen members of the present Congress are natives of Vermont.
—Mr. Moody, it is said, almost invariably begins his sermons with the word "you."
—Many thousands of birds are killed annually at the West by flying against the telegraph wires.
—The examination of the Northampton bank robbers was continued from last Saturday to today.
—Brigham Young is now so feeble that he has to be rolled about in an easy chair, being unable to walk.
—A young woman recently killed herself by leaping from the top of the Vendome Column, Paris.
—There is a street in Newburyport where not a single head of the family at present has employment in his profession.
—Friday has been an unlucky day for Mr. Tilden. All three of the decisions of the Electoral Tribunal have been given on that day.

THE LEGISLATURE.

From our own Correspondent. Boston, Feb. 27.

The twenty-third instant being the last day for the introduction of new business, the first corner of the session may be said to have been turned, and the work now being all in the various committees can get at some sort of an idea as to the extent and consequent duration of their respective dockets. The Tunnel committee have finished Mr. Crane—another hopeful sign—and are now hearing Gen. Burt and his friends in regard to their pleas for utilizing the tunnel, and constructing a great thoroughfare to the West, which is going to do so much for Boston. The Burt bill has a decided advantage over the Crane scheme, in that the friends of the former measure ask for nothing from the Commonwealth save a charter, while Mr. Crane, as usual, wants the entire credit of the State guaranteed to make a success of his idea. And for this reason alone many predict the chartering of Mr. Burt's scheme, as the State has reached a point where its interest in railroads can only be general, and not specific. Mr. Bird has already offered an order that the railroad committee consider the expediency of selling all the interest the State now possesses in the New York and New England railroad, and while it is not likely the committee will report in favor of carrying out the provisions of this order, the sentiment against granting aid to new projects seems strong enough in this legislature to effectually guard the treasury against any wild cat raids this season.

The Danvers Hospital committee have referred their "claimant," Mr. Edwin Adams, to a board of arbitration, and have gone to work at the hospital itself, while the other next important claim of the session—that of the Shanleys of Hoosac Tunnel fame—is now being argued before the claim committee. The finance committee are quietly at work, turning out the appropriation bills as fast as possible, and are also engaged in the more important business of providing ways and means to raise the necessary amount of revenue to meet the expenses of the government for the coming year. According to the report of the expenditures are going to run ahead of the receipts, and some special effort will have to be made to supply the deficiency. But a State whose manufacturing products exceed the entire importation of the country—\$588,000,000—and are co-extensive with the entire amount of exportation, need not worry over the matter of half a million of dollars additional taxation.

The liquor committee gave another hearing this morning, and Dr. Miner and Rev. Mr. Vibbert gave the committee a very strong dose of prohibition facts and prohibition theory. Dr. Miner, as every one knows, has long been a sturdy and vigorous champion of the Temperance cause, and gained much celebrity in 1866, during that famous "Gov. Andrus hearing," when the whole State from Cape Ann to Berkshire was ransacked for ministers, judges, lawyers and prominent men in all professions and trades, to come to Boston and testify in favor of a license law, and the beneficence of alcohol. Dr. Miner conducted the case for the prohibitionists, and having lost none of his old fire, still manfully fights this fearfully one-sided battle. In his address to-day the doctor paid his attention to the report of the Boston license commission, and strongly criticised their recommendation that "everybody of respectable parentage" should receive a license to sell liquor. He desired it, and in reference to this matter, the reverend advocate remarked that if he and a boy, 16 years of age, who should put his name to such a document, he would send him to Westboro or Deer Island during his minority. Mr. Vibbert is somewhat fresh upon the scene of action—a young knight of Temperance, who waves his auburn locks defiantly before the gigantic rum authority of the community, and sends forth the clarion notes of his ringing voice in behalf of the "oppressed and down-trodden" everywhere. And then he wears a rose in his button-hole, and such an adornment to the modest little witness stands and such a cause. Mr. Vibbert is an earnest, active, lively speaker, and in his address before the committee to-day he dealt more in facts than argument, and demonstrated upon that substantial basis, the superiority of a prohibition law—as a restrictive law—over that of license. In reply to a question as to the probability of the enforcement of the prohibitory law to-day in Boston, the answer came very promptly in the affirmative, provided "the mayor had any sense." Both sides of these gentlemen, Dr. Miner and Mr. Vibbert, are clergymen of the Unitarian church, and we doubt if there are two pastors in the State who take such good care of their charges, and then find time to skirmish around among the flocks of others with such beneficial effect—all of which has a tendency to show that it is the man, and not his religion that does the work.

During the coming week—Providence and Mr. Moody permitting—there will be two committee hearings in the hall of the House of Representatives, and all for the women of the Commonwealth. The annual Woman Suffrage appeal from the speaker's desk is, of course, one of them, while the Woman's Temperance Union—a sort of a female temperance alliance—will hold the other. Quite an imposing delegation of the latter organization, in spectacles and rubber boots, were present in the blue room to-day, and, warlike, they determined to have more elbow room for their "suff" on the subject, and so have secured the domain of those 240 rooms of which we are expected to be present and listen to "the tale of woman's woe," as told by herself. And it is to be hoped that the legislature will be present, for the great missionary work these self-sacrificing women are engaged in deserves and should receive all the legislative assistance that can possibly be given them. There are a few noble women here in Boston—notably Jennie Collins and Lydia Warner—whose labors "down among the lowly" are not appreciated the way they should be, and if the leaders of the woman suffrage cause would devote a portion of the time they spend in useless "hearings" before legislature, conventions, and the like, in the amelioration of the material condition of Boston's suffering women, as exemplified by the work of Miss Collins, we imagine far more satisfactory and beneficial results would follow. But Mrs. Howe and Mrs. Stone must have their annual hearing as regularly as they have their Christmas, and the result to the cause is probably about as much from one event as the other. But Stephen Foster will be there with "that house" of his, the Smith sisters with their Aldernys, and Mr. Blackwell—he will be there with his wife, while the majority go to hear the eloquence of the leading speakers.

The Legislature of 1877 has a decided advantage over previous General Courts, judging from the numerous "requests for money" which are being sent to the Tabernacle in their behalf. It is a matter of great concern to the people at large to what extent these "petitions" are needed, and it is to be hoped that if the situation is critical, and the emergency pressing, these "requests" will continue to flow in until the subjects thereof flow out of the State House. It is said that the whole audience stamped out of the Tabernacle the other evening when the "request" for Palmer was read. Mr. Moody expostulated, Mr. Sankey struck up "The Ninety and

Nine," and the chorus essayed to join. But it was of no use. Palmer was too much for them, and the inquiry meetings were soon flowing over with anxious inquirers for the whereabouts of that town.

LETTER FROM SPRINGFIELD.

Sunny Weather and Sunny Deeds—Reform Work and Charity—Entertainments and Entertainers—A Clergyman Captivated by a Fair Hand and Graceful Arm—The Athol Railroad Embarrassed.

SPRINGFIELD, Feb. 28, 1877.

Laughter and sunshine are among the trustiest enjoyments of life, and these sunny days bring out upon our streets brighter faces at every turn. Everybody is anticipating better times this Spring, and the lovely, genial weather heralds anew the faith in us. We take on clouds or sunlight, a reflection of the sky's own light or shadow, and wear its tints upon our hearts, in a measure. Just the same, on a dark day we are quite apt to indulge in cloudy fancies, but when a smiling blue sky bends over us,

An Enthusiastic Westerner.
WAUKESHA, Wis., Feb. 26, 1877.
My Dear Journal:—The campaign commenced in 1861 by Jeff. Davis & Co. has just closed by the surrender of the hero of Grannery Park. Crilly, treason, bribery, fraud, intimidation, rifle clubs, and the combined powers of earth and hell have come to grief, and "the old flag" floats proudly over 40,000,000 of American citizens as in days of yore. Let us thank God and take courage, doubting never that the destiny of America shall be grand, glorious and triumphant henceforth and forever. Happy occasion for strengthening the ties that bind us to our country, our kindred and our birth-place. Gird on the sword of truth again, nor fear to face thy foe.
X. Y. Z.

Remember, C. D. Ferre keeps the best ladies' furnishing store in Springfield, at 347 Main street.

W. P. Marsh & Co. are rushing off their winter stock of boots and shoes at almost cost, sometimes much less, to make room for spring goods.

The growing importance of Springfield as a center for wholesale trade is again illustrated by the extension of the sale of Fruit. By general consent, the largest wholesale dealer in Fruit is Mr. B. F. Steele of that city, who has extensive warehouses at 401 Main street. He opened about four years ago, and his sales have rapidly increased till now they are six times as large as the first year and nearly double that of 1875. The retail dealers of the Connecticut valley, as far north as Bellows Falls, Vt., seem to find the lowest prices at his warehouse. 1000 boxes of oranges, 500 boxes of raisins, and several hundred boxes of figs, lemons, etc., are required almost every week by his customers. Close attention to business, practical skill in selection of goods, low prices and courteous attention have secured Mr. Steele his large and increasing trade.

THE GREAT BANKRUPT SALE OF DRY GOODS.—The only event worthy of notice at present is the great auction sale of dry goods at 391 Main street, Springfield. It still draws crowded houses, and the fair sex add their influence by their regular attendance, and bear off their prizes with that bland smile of satisfaction at having spent their money to advantage, thus adding to the comforts of their family at so little expense. Here she can purchase the choicest of goods at less than wholesale prices, and the anxious bids of the gentlemen who put in their regular attendance prove that they, too, have an eye to the comforts of life, as piece after piece of the finest cloths for suits is dealt out in patterns to suit the purchaser, and at prices heretofore unheard of in Springfield. Those who have not attended this sale should do so at once, for there will be no regrets in the future. Sales every day and evening.

Dr. Palmer, of Westerly, R. I., says: "HUNT'S REMEDY is the most effective medicine I have ever used in my practice, for Dropsy and Kidney Diseases. I can safely say HUNT'S REMEDY has almost raised the dead."

Do not madly risk Consumption when a few drops of "Hale's Honey of Horchond and Tar" will inevitably cure coughs, colds, catarrh, influenza, and every other ailment leading to that awful malady. Sold by all Druggists.

Pike's Toothache Drops cure in 1 minute. 4w48

LYON'S KATHARON prevents the hair from falling out or turning gray, renews its growth, and gives strength and vigor. It is delightfully perfumed, and makes a splendid dressing. It is the cheapest and most desirable Hair Tonic ever produced. Used by the elite. Price only 50 cents. 1y3-25

SPECIAL NOTICES.

A Wonderful Discovery.
Our exchanges are filled with accounts of most wonderful cures effected by Dr. GAGE'S "MEDICAL WONDER." It is said to be the greatest vitality ever discovered, giving buoyancy to the spirits, elasticity to the step, and making the invalid hearty, courageous and strong. It cures all diseases of the liver, stomach, kidneys and spleen; scrofula and all blood diseases; cures nervous prostration and weakness of other sex, restoring tone and vigor to the whole system. Read the following cures:—
Prof. H. A. WILSON, Saratoga, N. Y., widely known as Principal of one of our leading institutions of learning, says that his wife used the "Medical Wonder" for a complication of diseases with the most happy effect. "None other touched her ease."
NORMAN HENRY, Sheds Corners, N. Y., a wonderful cure of dyspepsia and heart disease.
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Geo. HAINES, Sheds Corners, N. Y., catarrh. ALBERT TUCKER, Suncok, N. H., toothsome scrofula; supposed to be in consumption; cured.
A. H. HAWLEY, Saratoga, N. Y., "Medical Wonder" gave him health, strength and appetite.
Rev. O. J. WAIT, Franklin, N. H., wife afflicted with liver and kidney complaints, neuralgia, &c. &c. Cured. Prepared by Dr. GAGE & Co., Saratoga, N. Y. Sold by G. H. Appleton, Palmer. 1y38

Chemistry has Discovered at Last What

Wood's Improved Hair Restorative is unlike any other, and has no equal. The Improved has new vegetable tonic properties; restores gray hair to a glossy, natural color; restores faded, dry, harsh and falling hair; restores, dresses, gives vigor to the hair; restores hair to prematurely bald heads; removes dandruff, humors, scaly eruptions; removes irritation, itching, and scaly dryness. No article produces such wonderful effects. Try it; call for Wood's Improved Hair Restorative, and don't be put off with any other article. Sold by all druggists in this place, and dealers everywhere. Trade supplied at manufacturers' prices by C. A. Cook & Co., Chicago, Sole Agents for the United States and Canada, and by Weeks & Potter, Boston. 9m22

BORN.

At Palmer, 24th ult., a daughter to ABEL and OLIVE S. GAVES.

At Ware, 27th ult., a son to JOHN M. BARNES.

At Holyoke, 27th ult., a son to HERMAN BERGER.

MARRIED.

At Monson, 22d ult., JOHN P. HANLEY and JOHANNA COLEMAN.

At Belchertown, 21st ult., CHARLES M. LEMON of Amherst and ELLA L. COOK of Granby.

At Northampton, 20th ult., W. L. LADD of Holyoke and M. DUGESSE MERRINS of South Amherst.

At Springfield, 23d ult., ROBERT BRUCE of Springfield, Vt., and JULIA M. HUNTER of Belchertown.

At Springfield, 28th ult., EUGENE N. GATES and FANNIE A. TERRY.

DIED.

At Brimfield, 1st, SAMUEL B. GOULD, 47.

At Ware, 27th ult., JOHN M. BRICK, 67; JAMES CONNELL, 43.

At Greenwich, 24th ult., CYRUS POWERS, 72.

At Granby, 20th ult., EDWARD, 4, only son of Chas. and Lois L. Bates.

At Stafford, 20th ult., JOEL LADD, 50; 28th ult., SOPHIA C. O'Brien.

FOR SALE!

A thorough-bred AYSHIRE BULL, fourteen months old.

TENEMENT TO RENT!
One of ten rooms, first-class, in the village. Also, a Carpenter's Shop.
Palmer, March 2, 1877. Enquire of M. FOX. 481f

NOTICE.—Having sold our market in Three Rivers, to Mr. G. H. Strickland, we return thanks for the liberal patronage extended to us in the past, and trust the new firm may receive the same. Our books may be found at the old stand during the present month; all accounts to be settled on or before April 1st.
CLARK & HASTINGS. 2w49*

FASHIONABLE DRESSMAKING!

Mrs. W. CRITCHTON announces to the Ladies of Palmer and vicinity that she is prepared to execute their orders promptly and artistically. TWO APPRENTICES WANTED. Residence nearly opposite the Blanchardville school house.
Palmer, March 1, 1877. 491f

THE LARGEST AND

BEST FEED CUTTER

In the market is sold by ELI N. FAY of Monson, and for the LEAST MONEY. Before buying please call and see them. 491f

TRIFLING WITH A COLD IS ALWAYS

DANGEROUS.

USE WELLS' CARBOLIC TABLETS, a sure remedy for COUGHS, and all diseases of the THROAT, LUNGS, CHEST and MUCOUS MEMBRANE.

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THE STORY OF CHARLEY ROSS. A full account of this great mystery, written by his father; beats Robinson Crusoe in thrilling interest. The Illustrated Hand-Book to all Religions, a complete account of all denominations and sects. 300 Illustrations. Also, the Ladies' Medical Guide, by Dr. P. Pancoast. 100 illustrations. These books sell at sight. Male and female agents coin money on them. Particulars free. Copies by mail \$2 each. John E. Potter & Co., Philadelphia. 49

3 NEW HAND-BOOKS.

FOR POULTRYMEN, FARMERS, &c. Geo. P. Burham's New Volumes. "Diseases of Poultry, how to cure them." "Secrets in Fowl Breeding"—same style. "The Game Fowl, for the Pit, or the Spit." Illustrated circulars of books, and any Bookman and Co. (largest and best fowl known) mailed for 3 cent stamp. Either book sent, post paid, for 50 cents, by GEO. P. BURHAM, 4w49 Melrose, Mass.

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STRENGTHENING BITTERS

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PREPARED UPON HONOR from Calisaya and Peruvian Barks, Golden Seal, Wormwood, Nerve, Stomach and Bowel Correctors, Bile and Liver, or Choicest Vegetable Medicines. A Pure Vegetable Compound.

It strengthens, invigorates and builds up old. It cures and prevents the weak, languid and dull. Feelings of the Spring and Summer months, and all seasons.

It cures Nervous and General Debility. It cures Biliousness, Nervous and other Headache. It cures Nausea or Sickiness at Stomach. It cures Pain in the Stomach, Side or Chest, and many Nervous Aches and Pains.

Many Imaginary Ills, Diseases and Troubles Vanish with the Nervine, and quickly cured by it. It cures Biliousness and Jaundice. It restores the Appetite immediately. It cures Indigestion and Stomach Troubles. It cures Dyspepsia and Indigestion. [tem.] It regulates the Stomach, Bowels and Nervous System. It cures Liver Complaint and Kidney Troubles. It prevents and cures Fever and Ague. It purifies and enriches the Blood.

It is carefully prepared and perfectly safe. Family use only in its purity, merit, and wonderful success, and all should try it.

About one-fourth the usual dose of Bitters only is needed, and the dose can be lessened to suit the delicate stomach. Price, \$1 a BOTTLE. Ask your Druggist or dealer in Medicine for it. Prepared at Westfield, Mass., by Proprietor of Colton's Selected Remedies, GEO. C. GOODWIN & CO., Boston, Wholesale Agents. 4w49

TO THE HONORABLE THE JUSTICES

OF THE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT, next to be held at Springfield, within and for the county of Hampden, on the fourth Tuesday of April, A. D. 1877, humbly shews CAROLINE M. CRANDALL, the said Lovell D. Crandall, that she was lawfully married to Lovell D. Crandall, now of parts unknown to your petitioner, at Watlington, in the State of New York, on or about January 1st, 1874, that they have since lived together as husband and wife in Ogdensburg, in said State of New York, Toronto, C. W., Chicago, in the State of Ill., and in the State of N. Y., and that she is now residing in the State of Massachusetts, and she has ever conducted towards him as a wife, and as a domestic wife, yet he has abandoned her, and she has been obliged to support herself and her minor child, and her obligations, on or about the first day of January, A. D. 1877, at the said Watlington, and she has since that time continued said desertion, and has neglected and refused to provide means of support to her, said petitioner, and their minor child during said term. Wherefore she prays that the bonds matrimony heretofore existing between her and the said Lovell D. Crandall may be dissolved, and for such further orders and decrees in the premises as to law and justice may appear.

CAROLINE M. CRANDALL.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

HAMPDEN SS. SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT at Springfield. In Vacation, Feb. 26th, A. D. 1877.

On the libel aforesaid, it is ordered that the defendant do appear at the next term of this Court, to be held at Springfield, aforesaid, on the fourth Tuesday of April next, in person, or by attorney, and to answer to the libel and this order on a week, in the Palmer Journal, a newspaper printed in Palmer, three weeks successively, the last publication to be thirty days at least before the filing of said order, and also mailing to him at his last known place of abode a copy of said newspaper containing said publication, or by causing him to be served with a tested copy of said libel and this order fourteen days at least before the filing of said order, that he may then and there show cause why the prayer of said libel should not be granted.

Attest: ROBERT O. MORRIS, Clerk.

A true copy of the Libel.

Attest: ROBERT O. MORRIS, Clerk. 3w49

TAKE NOTICE.—Call on G. A. ENGLISH

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DR. C. T. STOCKWELL, Dentist, Office

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OFFERED AT A BARGAIN!

A brand new single-barrel American SHOT-GUN, made by Hyde & Shattuck, Springfield. Pronounced by sportsmen to be a No. 1. Will be sold at a bargain if taken early.

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The Stock of a New York Wholesale Importing House

AT AUCTION!

LARGE BANKRUPT SALE OF

DRY GOODS.

Consisting in part of the stock of the late R. M. & B. J. MCSTAVE & CO., of New York.

IMPORTANT TO THE TRADE AND PUBLIC.

OVER \$84,000 WORTH OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC DRY GOODS

AT AUCTION,

At the large and spacious store, 301 MAIN ST. (Opp. Hayne's Hotel), SPRINGFIELD, MASS.,

Commencing Saturday, Feb. 24, 1877.

A large consignment of FOREIGN and DOMESTIC DRY GOODS, consisting of West of England, French and German Broad and Narrow Woolen Cloths of all shades and colors, French, English and Scotch Fancy Tweeds and Cassimeres, Fur-back Moscow and Esquimaux Beavers, Chinellins, Vestings, Cloakings, &c. Also, Scotch, French and German Paisley Cashmere, Queensland, Ottoman Lace, and other fashionable and desirable Shawls, Swiss Nottingham Laces, &c. &c.

DRESS GOODS

in great variety, such as Heavy Black and Colored Silks, Satins, Irish and Lyons Poplins, all-wool Merinos, Delaines, Sateen Cloths, Serges, elegant imported Plaids, Alpaca, Empress Cloths, &c. A very rich and rare assortment of Lyons Silk Velvets, Veleveens, and fine Plush Suitings.

Prints, Bleached and Unbleached Cottons from one to three yards wide, a large line of English and American Blankets, Flannels, Ladies' Gents' and Children's Hosiery, Gloves, &c., together with a very choice and well-selected stock of Velvet, Brussels, Axminster, Tapestry and Ingrain

CARPETINGS, RUGS, &c., &c., from medium to finest imported. Mariselles and Turkish Quilts, and a variety of other goods too numerous to mention.

Sales to continue from day to day until the entire stock is disposed of. The whole to be sold without reserve, to wit, to suit all cash.

The above large and well-selected stock must be sold regardless of cost, in order to make settlement with the creditors.

SALES COMMENCE DAILY at 10 a. m., 2 p. m., and 7:30 p. m.

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In First-Class and all other grades of

PIANOS, ORGANS,

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Instruments exchanged, sold on easy

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BOSTON Semi-Weekly TRAVELLER

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WEEKLY TRAVELLER.

Contains FULL REPORTS OF SERVICES at the Tabernacle, and all the latest news.

Semi-Weekly.—One copy three months, \$1.00; one year, \$4. Weekly.—One copy 6 months, \$1.00; one year, \$2.00. 6w18

GRAIN STORE!

The subscriber would respectfully announce to the people of Three Rivers and vicinity that he is prepared to furnish

FLOUR, GRAIN, MEAL, FEED, &c., in large or small quantities, at the store lately occupied by Frank Shaw in Three Rivers. I can give the names of the consignees and as good bargains as can be obtained anywhere. Give me a call.

Three Rivers, Feb. 15th, 1877. 47f

FARM FOR SALE!

The well-known Sheldon Homestead in North Somers, Ct., is offered for sale. It consists of about 25 acres, suitably divided into mowing, pasturing and tillage; good orchard, with a variety of small fruits; good house and barn, hog house, work shop, and two tobacco sheds; farm well fenced; two streams good spring water on the premises. Said farm is situated on the main road from Springfield to Rockville, Ct. Inquire of T. SHELTON, Admr., North Somers, Ct., or E. C. SHELTON, 24 Bridge St., Springfield. 4w47

BUILDING LOTS FOR SALE!

Five building lots with frontage toward the new road, and one building lot with frontage on both roads, located between the Brakenridge and Upham farms. Apply to W. CRITCHTON, near Blanchardville school house, Palmer, Mass. 481f

FOR SALE OR TO RENT!

The FARM IN THIS VILLAGE belonging to Mrs. Laura A. Parks.

For further particulars inquire of W. R. Parks, Palmer, or Mrs. L. A. PARKS, Monson.

Palmer, Feb. 23, 1877. 451f

NOTICE.—I have this day given my son,

James Connor, his time, and shall not collect any of his earnings nor pay any debts he may contract.

Attest: BRIDGET CONNOR. 3w48

MISS ABBIE HOLBROOK

Will receive orders for all kinds of HAIR WORK. 3m46 62 Commercial Block, Palmer, Mass.

NOTICE.—I have this day given my son,

George E. Sanford, his time, and shall not collect any of his earnings nor pay any debts he may contract.

GOOD NEWS!

OPENING SALE

CLOTHING

OF

Manufacturers' Cost!

W. A. Farnsworth & Co.

Take this opportunity of introducing them selves and announcing to the people of Palmer and vicinity that having rented the store under the Nassawanno House,

On Saturday, Feb. 2d,

They will open with a Large Stock of

CLOTHING,

HATS, AND

Furnishing Goods,

Which they will offer

At Prices as Low and Lower

Than can be found in

Springfield,

Worcester,

OR ELSEWHERE.

WE CALL ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING FACTS:

Our Stock is ENTIRELY

NEW, no old styles or goods

bought when prices were a third

higher.

Our stock has all been bought

within the LAST TEN DAYS,

at a discount from one-fourth to

one-half Regular Prices.

Having been formerly connected with a Clothing manufacturing concern, we have perfect-

ed arrangements by which we can obtain a decided advantage

over market prices. With these

advantages, coupled with a thorough knowledge of both the

wholesale and retail business, we

confidently believe we can merit

and secure a liberal patronage.

Figures Will Tell.

PLEASE EXAMINE OUR GOODS

BEFORE PURCHASING.

ALL GOODS MARKED IN PLAIN

FIGURES AT PRICES THAT WILL INSURE A SPEEDY SALE.

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED OR MONEY REFUNDED.

W. A. FARNSWORTH & CO.

Palmer, Feb. 1, 1877. 43

!! ATTENTION !!

CLOTHING, HATS, CAPS,

—AN D—

Furnish ing Goods,

388 Main Street,

OLD STAND OF F. J. PARKER & CO.

Whole Stock for Sale, either at Retail or in Bulk.

MR. J. A. BALDWIN, having been under the necessity of

taking this stock, will sell it at greatly reduced prices, some of

it much below cost, to close it out. This will afford yourself

an opportunity of obtaining CLOTHING enough for five

years' wear so low that you will not be wise in letting it pass.

After the goods are sold the store will be for rent.

J. A. BALDWIN. 421f

Springfield, Jan. 1877.

CASH STORE. HARDWARE!

MECHANICAL AND

AGRICULTURAL TOOLS.

Pocket and Table CUTLERY

EMPIRE WRINGERS.

Lead Pipe,

Sheet Lead,

Sheet Zinc.

Circumstances.
Circumstances alter cases!
This we read in people's faces
When we step outside the traces
Of our usual, proper places.
If in humble circumstance
Let us strive, in some small measure,
To impart this priceless treasure
Unto others, in our leisure.
Should we be by wealth surrounded,
Or possessed of means unbounded,
Let some good by us be founded
Which, with life, will not be grounded.
We might give more illustration
Of this simple allegation,
But let each make some observation
And be'll need no explanation.
But adopt our simple basis,
Which no length of time effaces,
That, no matter where the place is,
"Circumstances alter cases!"

SENSITIVE CHILDREN.
Extreme sensitiveness in children may be either a misfortune or an advantage, according to the influences which are brought to bear upon them. A hasty temper is the prevailing fault of sensitive children; it is their quick, involuntary protest against whatever offends them, and it should be treated with moral medication, and as tenderly as a deformed foot or a curvature of the spine. Little by little self-control can be taught, and infiltration of such ideas and motives and sentiments made in the child's mind as will enable him to outgrow and overcome his infirmity. Time cures a great many things; children outgrow infirmities and faults, and if right principles of action and feeling are instilled gently, constantly, wisely, the results will ultimately appear. It is more cruelly to make the weak points of a child a source of teasing and ridicule, as is often done in schools and families. If he is born with a deformed foot, with defective sight or hearing, how careful are we to try and make up to him what nature has denied! A defect in one's mental or moral organization should certainly be as tenderly and judiciously treated as a bodily deformity. A quick temper, an irritable or timorous or teasing disposition requires far more tact and judicious management than any mere physical infirmity. When grown to maturity, our sensitive children become the poets, musicians, artists, writers, leaders of their time.

HEALTHFULNESS OF LEMONS.
When people feel the need of an acid, if they would only let vinegar alone and use lemons or sour apples, they would feel just as well satisfied and receive no injury. And a suggestion may not come amiss as a good plan when lemons are cheap in the market. A person should at these times purchase several dozen at once and prepare them for use in the warm days of spring and summer, when acids, especially citric or malic, or the acids of lemon and lime fruits, are so grateful and useful. Press your hand on the lemon and roll it back and forth briskly on the table to make it soft, then squeeze the juice into a tumbler—never into tin; strain out all the seeds, as they give a bad taste. Remove all the pulp from the peels and boil in water—a pint to a dozen pulps—to extract the acid. A few moments' boiling is enough, then strain the water with the juice of the lemons; put a pound of white sugar to a pint of the juice; boil ten minutes; bottle it, and your lemonade is ready. Put a teaspoonful or two of this syrup in a glass of water, and you have a cooling, healthful drink.

COMPASSION.
There is no worldly gain without some loss, so there is no worldly loss without some gain. If thou hast lost thy wealth, thou hast lost some trouble with it; if thou art degraded from honor, thou art likewise freed from the stroke of envy; if sickness has blurred thy beauty, it hath delivered thee from pride. Set the allowance against the loss, and thou shalt find no loss great; he loses little or nothing that reserves himself. Compassion is an emotion of which we ought never to be ashamed. Graceful, particularly in youth, is the tear of sympathy, and the heart that melts at the tale of woe. We should not permit ease and indulgence to contract our affections, and wrap us up in selfish enjoyment; but we should accustom ourselves to think of the distress of human life, of the solitary cottage, the dying parent and the weeping orphan. Nor ought we ever to sport with pain and distress in any of our amusements, or treat even the meanest insect with wanton cruelty.—*Blair.*

PUNCTUALITY.—Ah! that's the word—punctuality! Did you ever know a man who was punctual, who did not prosper in the long run? We don't care who or what he was, high or low, black or white, ignorant or learned, if he did as he agreed and was punctual in all his engagements, he prospered. Punctuality is, beyond a doubt, the cheapest virtue that can give force to character.

A member from the rural districts who has been feeding his hens on a patent egg producer, says that on going to the hen house one day, he with great difficulty opened the door, and found to his surprise nearly a foot of eggs and no hens. The hens had laid themselves entirely away, nothing but feathers being left.

A three year old little girl at Rochester, N. Y., was taught to conclude the evening prayer, during the temporary absence of her father, with, "and please watch over my papa." It sounded very sweet, but the mother's amusement may be imagined when she added: "And you'd better keep an eye on mamma, too!"

"I had nine children to support, and it kept me busy," said Smith to Jones, as they met; "but one of the girls got married. Now I have—"
"Eight?" interrupted Jones. "No, ten—counting the son-in-law!" said Smith, with a sigh which might have been heard afar off.

Forty-seven sentimental young idiots of Los Angeles, Cal., paid a physician \$3 apiece to be vaccinated with the virus from the arm of a popular belle. The first one used it all up, but the other 46 didn't know the difference.

A lady who assumes to know how boys ought to be trained, writes as follows: "O mothers! hunt out the soft, tender, genial side of your boy's nature." Mothers often do, with an old shoe.

A transparent minceage of great tenacity may be made by mixing rice flour with cold water, and letting it gently simmer over the fire.

I love such mirth as does not make friends ashamed to look upon one another next morning.—*Isaac Walton.*

A hotel is advertised as "kept by the widow of Mr. Brown, who died last summer on a new and improved plan."

DR. SCHENCK'S STANDARD REMEDIES.

The standard remedies for all diseases of the lungs are Schenck's Pulmonic Syrup, Schenck's Sea Weed Tonic, and Schenck's Maudrake Pills. Sea Weed Tonic before the lungs are destroyed, a speedy cure is effected. To these three medicines Dr. J. H. Schenck, of Philadelphia, owes his unrivaled success in the treatment of pulmonary diseases. The Pulmonic Syrup ripens the morbid matter in the lungs; nature throws it off by an easy expectoration, for when the phlegm or matter is ripe a slight cough will throw it off, the patient has rest and the lungs begin to heal. Schenck's Maudrake Pills do this. Schenck's Maudrake Pills and Schenck's Sea Weed Tonic must be freely used to cleanse the stomach and liver, removing all obstructions, relax the gall bladder, the bile starts freely, and the liver is soon relieved. Schenck's Sea Weed Tonic is a gentle stimulant and alterative; the alkali of which it is composed mixes with the food and prevents souring. It mixes with the food and purifies the stomach to a healthy condition, so that the food and the Pulmonic Syrup will make good blood; the lungs taken to prevent fresh cold. All who wish to consult Dr. Schenck, either personally or by letter, call on his principal office, at No. 616 Sixth and Arch streets, Philadelphia, every Monday. Schenck's medicines are sold by all druggists throughout the country.

VEGETINE
Strikes at the root of disease by purifying the blood, restoring the liver and kidneys to healthy action, invigorating the nervous system.

VEGETINE
Is not a vile, nauseous compound, which simply purges the bowels, but a safe, pleasant remedy which is sure to purify the blood, and thereby restore the health.

VEGETINE
Is now prescribed in cases of scrofula and other diseases of the blood, by many of the best physicians, owing to its great success in curing all diseases of this nature.

VEGETINE
Does not deceive invalids into false hopes by purging and creating a fictitious appetite, but assists nature in clearing and purifying the whole system, leading the patient gradually to perfect health.

VEGETINE
Was looked upon as an experiment for some time by some of our best physicians, but those most incredulous in regard to its merits are now its most ardent friends and supporters.

VEGETINE
Says a Boston physician, "I have no equal as a blood purifier. Hearing of its many wonderful cures, after all other remedies had failed, I visited the laboratory and convinced myself of its genuineness. It is prepared from bark, roots and herbs, and is highly effective, and they are compounded in such a manner as to produce astonishing results."

VEGETINE
Is acknowledged and recommended by physicians and apothecaries to be the best purifier and cleanser of the blood yet discovered, and thousands speak in its praise who have been restored to health.

PROOF.
WHAT IS NEEDED.

MR. H. R. STEVENS:
Dear Sir—About one year since I found myself in a feeble condition from general debility. Vegetine was strongly recommended to me by a friend who had been much benefited by its use. I procured the article, and after using several bottles, was restored to health and vigor. I feel quite confident that there is no medicine superior to it for those complaints for which it is especially prepared, and would cheerfully recommend it to those that feel that they need something to restore them to perfect health. Respectfully yours, U. L. PETTINGILL.
Firm of S. M. Pettingill & Co., 10 State St., Boston.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 26, 1872.
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Am an outcast now—I have fallen so low.

The daughter of parents whose fondest desire
Was to see their dear child to all goodness aspire,
I am jostled and trod by the busy throng,
As cold and unfeeling, it hurries along.

Fair ladies, oh, turn not in pride away;
I was as pure as you are to-day;
But pity the woman who under the cloud
Hopes soon to be lying at rest with her God.

Will the God who forgave Mary Magdalene's crime
Not pardon a wretch with repentance like mine?
Thou forsaken by parents and friends, I hope still
To be a partaker of His sovereign will.

Mine's the same sad, old story of love, Ah! too deep!
Of the serpent approaching his victim asleep;
Of the adder that stings the fastidious breast
And robs it forever of sweet, maiden rest.

I cannot curse him; my love was too deep;
On his form bends o'er me in hours of sleep;
And I hear him repeat the same false vow
That makes me an outcast from loved ones now.

I left pray for death, and wish his sharp dart
That my worn spirit freed from its poor earthly part
Might find blessed rest, in bright endless day.

A Tarquin who ruins with threat of the sword,
Is less sinful than he who, with sweet-tongued word,
Gains the heart of a maiden as pure as the snow,
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—E. F. H., in the Woman's Journal.

SERMON ON NATURE AND NOAH.

In the autumn of 1830, I attended a Methodist camp-meeting in the interior of Georgia, and heard a sermon which I have never been able to forget or describe.

The speaker had just been licensed, and it was his first sermon. In person he was small, bullet-headed, of a fair, sandy complexion, and his countenance was indicative of sincerity and honesty. He was taking up the Bible in regular order, and had got as far as the history of Noah, the ark, the flood, etc. Besides, "just before his conversion he had been reading Goldsmith's 'Animated Nater,' and the two together, by the aid and assistance of the Spirit, had led him into a powerful train of thinking as he stood at his work-bench, day in and day out." The text was, "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall the coming of the Son of Man be," and he broke out in the following strains:

"Yes, my brethren, the heavens of the windows were opened-ah, and the floods of the g-r-e-a-t deep kivered the waters-ah, and there Shem, and there Ham, and there Japheth-ah, a-l-l a-gwine into the ark-ah."

"And there was the elephant-ah, that g-r-e-a-t animal-ah, of which Goldsmith describes in his 'Animated Nater-ah' what is as big as a tree-ah, depending somewhat upon the size of the tree-ah, a-l-l a-gwine into the ark-ah. And the heavens of the windows were opened-ah, and the floods of the g-r-e-a-t deep kivered the waters-ah, and there Shem, and there Ham, and there Japheth-ah, a-l-l a-gwine into the ark-ah."

"And there was the hippopotamus-ah, that g-r-e-a-t animal-ah, of which Goldsmith describes in his 'Animated Nater-ah' what is as big as a tree-ah, depending somewhat upon the size of the tree-ah, a-l-l a-gwine into the ark-ah. And the heavens of the windows were opened-ah, and the floods of the g-r-e-a-t deep kivered the waters-ah, and there Shem, and there Ham, and there Japheth-ah, a-l-l a-gwine into the ark-ah."

"And there was the zebra, my brethren-ah, that g-r-e-a-t animal-ah, of which Goldsmith describes in his 'Animated Nater-ah' what is as big as a tree-ah, depending somewhat upon the size of the tree-ah, a-l-l a-gwine into the ark-ah. And the heavens of the windows were opened-ah, and the floods of the g-r-e-a-t deep kivered the waters-ah, and there Shem, and there Ham, and there Japheth-ah, a-l-l a-gwine into the ark-ah."

"And there was the antelope-ah, my brethren-ah, that frisky little critter-ah, of which Goldsmith describes in his 'Animated Nater-ah' what is as big as a tree-ah, depending somewhat upon the size of the tree-ah, a-l-l a-gwine into the ark-ah. And the heavens of the windows were opened-ah, and the floods of the g-r-e-a-t deep kivered the waters-ah, and there Shem, and there Ham, and there Japheth-ah, a-l-l a-gwine into the ark-ah."

"And there was the lion, my brethren-ah, what is the king of beasts, accordin' to Scripture-ah, and who, as St. Paul says-ah, prowls around of a night like a roarin' devil-ah, a seekin' if he can't catch somebody-ah, a-l-l a-gwine into the ark-ah."

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didn't send Noer out to serimmage an' scour and hunt all over the wild world for to git up all the critters and varmints that he wanted saved-ah. They all come to his hand of their own accord, and Noer had only to head 'em in and fix 'em around in their places-ah. Then he gathered up his own family, and the Lord shut him in, and the heavens of the windows were opened-ah.

"But, my Bretherin, Noer-ah had use for patience after this-ah. Think what a time he must a-lad, a-feedin' and a-waterin' and a-cleanin' out after such a crowd-ah. Some of 'em, accordin' to Goldsmith's 'Animated Nater-ah,' was carnivorous and wanted fresh meat-ah; and some were herbivorous, and wanted vegetable food-ah; and some were voracious, and he had to feed things accordin' to their nater-ah. Hence, we view, my brethren-ah, as the nater of the animals wasn't changed by goin' into the ark-ah, they would roar and howl and screech and bellow durin' the whole night-ah, drivin' sleep from his eyes and slumber from his eyelids-ah; and at the first streak o' daylight the last hoof o' 'em would set up a noise accordin' to one species-ah, and the bulls of Bashan wearin' nowher-ah, I've often wondered on this pint-ah; but I think I know of some that a-been vascap-ah, and in an ungarded moment might a-said somethin' besides their prayers."

"My brethren, one more word for old Noer and I will draw to a close-ah. After the out-bat-in time he had, first and last, for so many hundred years-ah, if he did, by accident, take a little too much wine on one occasion-ah, I think less out to a-been said about it-ah. Besides, I think he was entitled to one spree-ah, as he made the wine himself, and accordin' to the Scrip-ah, it makes glad the heart o' man-ah."

"My brethren, as it was in the days of Noer, so shall the coming of the Son of Man be-ah. The world will never be drowned again-ah. It will be set on fire, and burnt up, root and branch, with a fervent heat-ah, and then what will the wicked, ondane sinners do on that orful day-ah? They won't feel fit for to live nor fit for to die-ah. They will be put to their wits' end, and knock and straddle around in every direction-ah. For all at once, my brethren-ah, they will behold the heavens a-darknin'-ah, the seas a-roarin'-ah, the mountains a-meltrin'-ah, and everything, I think, will be in a confused and unsettled state-ah."—Correspondent of New York Independent.

SLEEP AS A MEDICINE.

A physician says that the cry for rest has always been louder than the cry for food. Not that it is more important, but it is often harder to obtain. The best rest comes from sound sleep. Of two men or women, otherwise equal, the one who sleeps the best will be the most healthy and efficient. Sleep will do to ease irritability of temper, peevishness and uneasiness. It will build up an over-worked brain. It will cure a headache. It will cure a broken spirit. It will cure sorrow. Indeed, we make a long list of nervous and other maladies that sleep will cure. The cure of sleeplessness requires a clean, good bed, sufficient exercise to promote weariness, pleasant occupation, good air, and not too warm a room; a clear conscience and avoidance of stimulants and narcotics. For those who are over-worked, nervous, haggard, who pass sleepless nights, we commend the adoption of such habits as will secure sleep; otherwise life will be short, and what there is of it sadly imperfect.

WHAT MAKES THE SEA-SHELL SING?

When the sea-shell is held up to the ear there is a peculiar vibratory noise which children assure each other is the roar of the sea, however distant they may be from it. Philosophically investigated, the peculiar sound thus recognized is a phenomenon that has puzzled scholars for a long time. The experiment is easily made by simply pressing a spiral shell over the cerebra of either ear. If a large shell, the sound is very much like that of a far-off cataraet. Now, what causes it? Every muscle in the body is always in a state of tension. Some are more on the stretch than others, and particularly those of the finger. It is conceded that the vibration of the fibres of those in the fingers being communicated to the shell, it propagates and intensifies them as the hollow body of a violin does the vibration of its strings, and thus the acoustic nerve receives the sonorous expressions. Muscles of the leg being moved the knee are said to vibrate in the same way, and if conducted to the ear produce the same result.

DEADENING INFLUENCE OF FASHION.

It is among the children of light employment and unsettled life that we must look for stony-heartedness—not in the world of business; not among the poor, crushed to the earth by privations and sufferings. That hardens the character, but often leaves the heart soft. If you wish to know what hollows and heartlessness are, you must seek for them in the world of light, elegant, superficial fashion, where frivolity has turned the heart into a rock-bed of selfishness. Say what man will of the heartlessness of trade, it is nothing compared with the heartlessness of fashion. Say what they will of the atheism of science, it is nothing to the atheism of that round of pleasure in which the heart lives—dead while it lives.—Rev. F. W. Robertson.

The patient of a "root and herb" medicine man got the following prescription from him for a bad cold: "Putter feet in hot water, get hot and drink a pint of root." The patient brought the enigma to us in despair. "I can make out the first part well enough. But what is root?" We were embarrassed at first, but a happy inspiration struck us. L—o—o—t, ell—double—o—tce, elder-blow tea. And that turned out to be the explanation.

With cheeks and noses red as roses, in a sleigh that smoothly glided; over the snows with frozen toes the sleighing party rideth. With chattering chins and shivering limbs when the fright performance is done, they shiver and shake and quiver and quake and congealed grin "it is fun."

Bread for pudding should be soaked in milk and when put into the baking dish should be sprinkled with cinnamon and raisins, and have a layer after layer of this construction. Eggs, beaten with sugar, and, if you can afford it, wine should be poured on top before baking.

GOOD ADVICE AND GOOD MANNERS.

Much jewelry is vulgar.
Do not snack while eating.
Do not cut your nails in public.
Do not run after famous people.
Do not breathe the hard while eating.
Cheese should be eaten with a fork.
Feeling waiters is paying blackmail.
Serve vegetables on separate plates.
Unsweated coffee cures bad breath.
Do not give mere friends costly presents.
A man's dress should not be remarkable.
Short nails make the finger tips grow broad.
Girls who part their hair on the side look fast.

In going up and down stairs precede the lady.
A formal call is very long if it lasts half an hour.
Never take bits out of your mouth with your hand.
Young girls are trusted too much with male cousins.

It is impolite to keep a musician constantly playing.
Address your wife as "Mrs.," your husband as "Mr."
A lady will not appear in the streets alone after dark.
A young lady should not stretch her feet out in company.
There is too much promiscuous kissing in this country.
Washington doffed his hat even to a negro if he knew him.

Some men unpleasantly comb their mustaches at table.
I respect prudish; though I've been charmed with jolly romps.
Do not have pictures of game, fruit or fish in your dining room.
A pink ribbon under the chin makes a pale woman look brighter.
A man should not appear in shirt sleeves before ladies in the house.

No man respects a girl who flirts, though he may flirt with her for game.
The lady of the house should receive the guests at a formal reception.
Always take the last piece of anything—There is supposed to be more.
Never pull your watch out in company, unless you are familiar with the people.

An engagement of marriage is little less sacred than a marriage with ceremony.
Never cross knife and fork on your plate.
Lay them nearly and carelessly parallel.
If it is necessary to use your handkerchief sonorously, leave the room quietly.
If you meet a gentleman friend with a strange lady on his arm, raise your hat to both.

Introduce the gentleman to the lady, unless the gentleman is considerably the elder.
Men who eat what they want are usually more healthy than those who are always dieting.
Nothing is prettier for a youngish girl than braids down the back, and a full-waisted dress.
Do not call a man a liar unless you have a lump in your throat and are sure that he is a liar.

You need not call upon newly married people unless you were invited to the wedding or reception.

CARE OF DRESSES.—Shake off and remove all dust from a black garment every time it is worn. Nothing sooner defaces a black silk, poplin, or woolen, than to wear it shopping, riding, or even for the day in the house and then hang it up without removing the dust. The gritty motes with which the air is filled, particularly in regions where coal is constantly used, grind and wear out any fabric. First shake both skirt and overdress faithfully. A back window is a good place to shake them from. Then take a soft old handkerchief and brush the dress with that instead of a clothes brush. See that all the dust that settles in the folds or pleats is removed. Stand by an open window and shake the dust off the handkerchief out of the window every little while.—Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher.

THE LENGTH OF DAYS.—At London and Bremen the longest day has sixteen hours.
At Stockholm, in Sweden, and Danzig, in Prussia, the longest day has seventeen hours and the shortest seven.
At St. Petersburg, in Russia, and Tobolsk, in Siberia, the longest day has nineteen hours and the shortest five hours.
At Tornea, in Finland, the longest day is twenty-one and a half hours, and the shortest two and a half hours.
At Wardens, Norway, the day lasts from May 21 to 24 without interruption, and at Spitzbergen the longest day is three and a half months.

POULTRY.—Cleanse the poultry-houses and nest-boxes from lice. We have lined our poultry-house with Johns' Asbestos roofing, at a cost of a few dollars only, and there is no fear of vermin of any kind in it hereafter. The smell of carbolic acid from the tar is very strong, but not disagreeable, and will thoroughly disinfect the house. Provide a warm corner in the stable for the earliest brooding hens, and give extra care to the young chicks. March and April chicks will give a plenty of eggs next winter.—Am. Agriculturist.

FRUIT.—Half of the doctors would find their occupation gone if apples were freely used as an article of food. Fruit has never done us the good it might have done, because it is too often eaten at improper times, between meals or in the evening. There is a native acid in fruit which is demanded by the human system.

CHOCOLATE BLANC-MANGE.—One-half box gelatine, well soaked. Let one pint of milk come to the boiling point; one cup grated chocolate (not sweetened); twelve tablespoonfuls sugar. Add the gelatine just before turning into the moulds. To be eaten when cold, with sugar and cream.

A man in the top story of a Chicago hotel attracted a crowd of pedestrians a hundred feet below by waving a pillow and shouting, "Some of you fellows go to the office and tell them to send me up a cock-tail." His bell was broken.

The Arab foot is high arched. The foot of an Englishman is short and fleshy; that of a Frenchman long and slim, that of a Scotchman large and thick, that of an Irishman flat and square, and that of an Italian small and plump.

One of the best rules in conversation is never to say a thing which any of the company can reasonably wish we had rather left unsaid. Let the sage reflections of the philosophic minds be cherished.

Auld Lang Syne.

It singeth low in every heart,
We hear it each and all—
A song of those who answer not
However we may call;
They bring the silence of the breast,
We see them as of yore—
The kind, the brave, the true, the sweet,
Who walk with us no more.

'Tis hard to take the burden up,
When these have laid it down;
They brightened all the joy of life,
They softened every frown;
But, oh, 'tis good to think of them,
When we are tempted sore!
Thanks be to God that such have been,
Although they are no more!

More home-like seems the vast unknown,
Since they have entered there;
To follow them were not so hard,
Wherever they may fare;
They cannot be where God is not,
On any sea or shore;
What'er befalls, they love abide,
Our God forevermore.

—John W. Chadwick.

THE BIBLE.

John Quincy Adams, in a letter to his son in 1811, says, "I have for many years made it my practice to read through the Bible once every year. My custom is to read four or five chapters every morning immediately after rising from my bed. In whatever light we regard the Bible, whether with reference to revelation, to history, or to morality, it is our invaluable and inexhaustible mine of knowledge and virtue."

Daniel Webster, having been commended for his eloquence on a memorable occasion, replied, "If anything I have ever said or written deserves the feeblest encomiums of my fellow countrymen, I have no hesitation in declaring that for their partiality I am indebted, solely and indebted to the daily and attentive perusal of the Holy Scriptures, as well as of all good and of all comfort."

Addison says, in relation to the poetry of the Bible, "After perusing the Book of Psalms, let a judge of the beauties of poetry read a liberal translation of Horace or Pindar, and he will find in these two last such an absurdity of confusion and style, with such comparative poverty of imagination, as will make him sensible of the vast superiority of Scripture-style."

Rousseau says, "This Divine Book, the only one which is indispensable to the Christian, need only be read with reflection to inspire love for its author, and the most ardent desire to obey its precepts. Never did virtue speak in so sweet a language; never was the most profound wisdom expressed with so much energy and simplicity. No one can rise from its perusal without feeling himself better than he was before."

Wilberforce, in his dying hour, said to a friend, "Read the Bible. Let no religious book take its place. Through all my perplexities and distresses, I have never read any other book, and I never knew the want of any other."

It has been my hourly study; and all my knowledge of the doctrines, and all my acquaintance with the experience and realities of religion, have been derived from the Bible only. Books about religion may be useful enough, but they will not do instead of the simple truth of the Bible."

BROWN'S MATRIMONIAL METHODS.

"Brown, I don't know how it is that your girls all marry off as soon as they get old enough, while none of mine can marry."

"Oh, that's simple enough. I marry my girls off on the buckwheat straw principle."

"But what is that principle? I never heard of it before."

"Well, I used to raise a good deal of buckwheat, and it puzzled me to know how to get rid of the straw. Nothing would eat it, and it was a great bother to me. At last I thought of a plan. I stacked my buckwheat straw nicely and built a high rail fence around it. My cattle, of course, concluded it was something good, and at once tore down the fence and began to eat the straw. I dogged them away and put up the fence a few times, but they became to eat the straw and eat it they did, every bit of it. As I said, I marry my girls off on the same principle. When a young man I encourage him in every way I can. I tell him to come often and stay as late as he pleases, and I take pains to hint to the girls that I think they'd better set their caps for him. It works first rate. He don't make many calls, for the girls treat him as coolly as they can. But when a young fellow that I like comes around, a man that I think I can suit me for a son-in-law, I don't let him make many calls before I give him to understand that he isn't wanted around my house. I tell the girls, too, that they shall not have anything to do with him, and give them orders never to speak to him again. The plan always works first rate. The young folks begin to pity each other, and the next thing I know they are engaged to be married. When I see that they are determined to marry I always give in and pretend to make the best of it. That is the way I manage it."

"Mexican Onyx" is the name of a new stone lately discovered. Visitors to the Centennial will remember the beautiful specimens of it at the exhibition. This onyx establishes the connecting link between the common marble and the precious stones. The Emperor of Germany bought a mantle-piece made from it, price \$2,500. Mr. Manuel Fortuno, of Philadelphia, is the agent for the "Mexican Onyx" in the United States.

A late number of the Publisher's Monthly tells of two Pittsburg book clerks who respectively sent a written order for works wanted for customers, as follows: "Bunions' Pilgrim's Progress—1 copy," "1 copy No Sex in Heaven"—meaning the well-known poem, No Sect in Heaven.

The other day, says an exchange, a St. Louis lawyer stated that he had a "verbal communication in his pocket," and subsequently adjourned a case "till the next Thursday," while a member of the council at that body's last meeting, spoke of a "verbal diagram."

It was a good thing that Mr. Spurgeon once said when asked how he filled his church, and he replied that he had never tried to do such a thing. He considered it his duty to fill his pulpit, and his people filled his church. Perhaps there is a hint some ministers might profit by.

A Kentucky debating society has been discussing the question: "Which is the bottom of a buckwheat cake?"

OUR NEW MINISTER'S WIFE'S BONNET.

Well, Sophronia Ann, I'm glad you've come. A great many things has happened since you was here in house-cleanin' time. You know then I hadn't been near the Methodist church for nigh on to a month; and all Clarence Center was a-laughin', an' a-makin' fun of our new minister's wife. How dreadful they did talk about that blue velvet bonnet of hers! At last the women in the church couldn't stand it no longer; so they went to Miss Brown an' they told her that people thought she were a-jurin' an' a-keepin' back the Lord's work by a-wearin' such a wicked, worldly bonnet. An' then says Miss Brown: "Ladies, I should like a new bonnet very much. The blue velvet was my weddin' hat, nearly two years ago. Since then my husband has been so poorly paid, he has had to buy me anythin' new. So I have been obliged to wear this hat, summer and winter. Now Sister Pipkin, she had an old silk apron, just as good as new. An' she said if she others would take hold and help, she would have a sewin' bee, an' make up Miss Brown a decent bonnet. I didn't care nothin' 'bout the bonnet, but seein' Miss Pipkin was a-goin' to the pains of gettin' up a supper, I thought I'd go an' help 'em. Well, if I do say it, we made one of the purtiest bonnets you ever laid eyes on. There was none of them highfalutin' things about that bonnet. An' we sent it to her that very night. Now in the meetin' next Sunday mornin', they all looked at Miss Brown's bonnet, to see how the new bonnet looked on her head, but she wasn't there. After the prayer was over, who should they see comin' up the aisle, a-holdin' up her head higher than a kite, but Miss Brown. An' do you suppose she had on our new bonnet? No, indeed! But she did have on one of them new black felt hats, that come way down over a person's eyes, an' all covered with black hen's feathers. It looked a great sight wuss than her old one. An' the meanest of all was, next mornin', when Byer, the washwoman, came to do Miss Pipkin's washin', she had on that very same black silk bonnet that we took such pains to make for Miss Brown.—Woman's Journal.

The other day one of the clerks in a Cincinnati store found the porter crammed among the boxes down in the cellar, with pen, ink and paper before him. "Writing a letter," eh? queried the clerk. "Yes; writing to the old man in Buffalo." He handed up the half-written letter for inspection, and presently the clerk remarked, "I see you spell 'g-u-g'; that isn't right." "Of course not," replied the porter; "but you see I am writing to the old man and he always spells it that way. If I put the other 'g' to it he would think I was putting on style over him, and forgettin' that I was his son. He's good hearted, and I don't want to hurt his feelings." The letter went off with only one 'g' at the end of 'gug.'

A citizen of Indiana having occasion to go home rather unexpectedly a few nights since caught a gentleman acquaintance in the act of kissing his wife. On relating the circumstances to a friend he was asked if he punished the guilty couple, and replied, "No, not exactly; but they must have seen from the way I slammed the door that I was not satisfied."

A fond father wrote: "It generally takes twenty years of training to produce the word 'nice' from a woman's vocabulary. The Falls of Niagara, the Psalms of David, and the progress of the human race were all 'nice' to my eldest daughter till she got married."

By love's delightful influence the attack of ill humor is resisted, the violence of our passion abated, all the injuries of the world alleviated, the bitter cup of affliction sweetened, and the choicest flowers plentifully strewn along the most thorny paths of life.

In the intercourse of social life it is by little acts of watchful kindness recurring daily and hourly—and opportunities of doing kindness, if sought for, are everywhere—up it is by words, by tones, by gestures, by looks, that affection is won and preserved.

The history of the world teaches no lesson with more impressive solemnity than this: that the only safe guide of a great intellect is a pure heart; that evil no sooner takes possession of the heart, than folly commences the conquest of the mind.

A gentleman, who rather suspected some one was peeping through the key-hole of his office-door, investigated with a syringe full of pepper-sauce, and went home to find his wife had been cutting wood, and a chip had lit her in the eye.

Two Pictures.
An old farm-house with meadows wide,
And sweet with flowers on each side;
A bright-eyed boy who looks from out
The door with woodland gleam and light,
And wishes his one thought all day
"If I could but fly away
From this dull spot the world to see,
How happy, happy, happy,
How happy I would be!"

Amid the city's constant din,
A man who round the world has been
Is thinking, thinking all day long:
"Oh I could only trace once more
The field-path to the farm-house door,
The old green meadows could I see,
How happy, happy, happy,
How happy I would be!"

FASHION NOTES.

Dresses are narrower than ever in front.
Sleeves are so tight that it is difficult to bend the arm.
Satin and plush ribbon are the rage of the moment in London.
This, it is predicted, will be the greatest button year ever known.
Sleeves, newly introduced, combine vests and are half fitted to the figure.
The newest and most expensive dress trimming is made of parrot's feathers.
Necklaces composed entirely of flowers are the latest novelties for the ball-room.
According to the latest Paris verdict ladies will carry little mirrors attached to a chain from the waist.
In fashion coiffures the front hair is brought less over the forehead and temples, being either frizzled, crimped, or waved without bandoline.
Lace mittens, reaching to the elbow and sewn with seed-pearls or ornamented with ribbons and flowers, are struggling to replace gloves at balls.
Chemises and drawers of foulard and pongee silks are worn by a few very fastidious ladies. They are richly trimmed with lace and embroidery.
Reception toilets admit of considerable elegance, not exactly on the blooming ball modes, but partaking of the medium, a tone between the showy and the quiet.
A new and useful philopina present for a gentleman to give a lady is a gold hairpin. Almost every lady prefers a hairpin to a glove buttoner, of any patent that has been invented.

Over-trains are much in vogue for dinner dresses; they are cut in one with the corsage; and look much like the old court trains. They show off rich materials to great advantage.
A Capote chapeau for reception wear is considered the model style. The brim fits closely to the head; a wide ruche forms the only face trimming. Cock feathers in great variety cover the crown.

AN AWKWARD PAUSE.—A young gentleman undertook to relate a circumstance one Sunday evening, in the presence of some young ladies, and he commenced as follows: "A lady friend and myself, last evening, went to bed."
With a sudden spring the old lady bounced him out of the house. The next day the old gentleman met him on the street and asked for an apology.
"I was about to say," commenced the young man, "that a lady friend and myself went to bed—" when a thrust from the old man's cane started him back several feet, upon which he exclaimed at the top of his voice: "A lady friend and myself went to Bedford street church, you old fool!"

SCALDS OR BURNS.—Instantly and liberally apply dry flour, and keep it in its place by a bandage. Another excellent application is "prepared lard," that is, lard without salt. Druggists keep it. If only salt lard is at hand, wash out the salt in cold water. Do not apply cold water, salt, spirits, or vinegar. If the burn be in the leg or foot, slit the stocking so as to avoid breaking the skin. Do not wash the wound, and do not dress it oftener than on alternate days. Do not rub or roughly discharge the do not wipe, but gently sop with soft cloth. "No ulcer should be often dressed, as by removing the excrement we are likely to rub off also the new flesh."

In the present London small-pox epidemic the remarkable fact has been noticed that only one case of this disease has occurred among the Jewish population. The same exemption from epidemics has been noticed among the Jews in all countries, and is attributed to their way of living, and particularly to their abstinence from the use of pork and their care with which sound and healthy animals are selected and killed.

A Stratford old lady who had never been on the cars before, recently rode by rail to New Haven. On her return being asked what she thought of it she exclaimed: "Why, 'tain't nothin' at all! I's the most m-o-n-o-o-n-o-u-s thing! Why I believe, coming back they went through the identical places they did when they went down!"

An old Comstocker, being reproached by his prospective mother-in-law that he was much too old for her daughter, that he was even bald-headed, replied: "Madam, my baldness is no indication of my age—it runs in the family. In fact, madam," said he, in a sudden gust of confidence, "I was born bald-headed!"

A rather elderly darkey was inquiring of a policeman if he knew anything of his son Pete. The policeman replied that there was a young darkey in the lock-up, for breaking up a camp-meeting with an ax-handle. "Dat's him," exclaimed the overjoyed parent. "He told me he was gwine to amuse hisself."

Rustic: "Good-bye, Betty, we bees going for good!" Betty: "Then mind thee don't miss the way." It be the first time thee's ever been on that road, I'm thinkin'!"

Persons who have never tried it don't know how refreshing and invigorating it is to lie abed these cool, bracing mornings and let their wives go down and build the fire.

New Bedford has a reformed man who, when he feels the old appetite for liquor reviving, goes home and—has his wife lock him into his room, where he stays and fights it out until the appetite is gone. He has by this means kept himself a consistent temperance man for eight years.

A Tale of Woe—I clasped her tiny hand in mine; I clasped her beautiful form; I vowed I'd shield her from the wind, and from the world's cold storm. She set her beautiful eyes on me; the tears did wildly flow; and with her little lips she said: "Confound you, let me go!"

A woman is very much like a tea kettle, if you come to think of it. She sings away so pleasantly—then she stops—and, when you least expect it, she boils over!

What is the difference between horse racing and going to church? One makes men bet, the other makes them better.

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Of my poor wounded, broken heart.
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Thou hast known the bitter woe
Which clings round the path I go—
The tears of blood which I have shed,
Since thou hast slumbered with the dead.
Mother, dear mother, come to-night,
Draw back the curtain, let the light
From yonder throne transfigure my soul,
And make my bleeding heart-wounds whole.

Ah now, yes now, I feel thee near,
Hush, earthly discord, while I hear
The voice which gently tells the way,
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Olean, N. Y. A. CLEVELAND TRINDLE.

THE WIDOW IN THE L.

It had been Mrs. Butterkin's doing, letting the L. Mr. Butterkin had objected to the proceeding, but mildly, as was becoming in the good-humored husband of a "whimsy" wife, so prone to tears that there seemed some foundation for her pet apprehension that her blood was turning to water. Grievedly torn by nerves, she longed for womanly sympathy, and on Mr. Butterkin's death, nothing would do but his widow should sell her farm and occupy the Butterkin L. for her farm and she had been dear friends from girlhood. After due deliberation Mrs. Ebbeson came, having first secured a life lease of the building.

A busy little woman was Ruth Ebbeson, as she had need to be, her temperate, worthless husband having left her barely enough to make both ends meet. If she would lap them comfortably, it must be by her own exertions with the needle. And as she sat cheerily to pick over or apiece to pare, while on rainy days, obedient to her wife's suggestions, Mrs. Butterkin did many a neighborly turn in way of carpentry. The two families were almost as one. Indeed, the letting of the L. seemed a provident arrangement for all parties. It was a relief to Mrs. Ebbeson to be rid of her farm; it was well that her mother should be within easy access of a physician. Especially was it of advantage to Mrs. Butterkin to enjoy cheerful companionship, and whatever was of advantage to Mrs. Butterkin necessarily affected Mr. Butterkin.

Thus years glided on, bringing mental vigor to the nerve-diseased Mrs. Butterkin. She had never seemed in better health than in that fatal spring when she was prostrated by pneumonia, death-stricken from the first.

"The Lord wills it, Ruth, and I don't feel to murmur," she whispered with dying grace; "but husband! miss me, I know. You'll keep an eye on him, won't you, dear, when I am gone, and make him comfortable?"

Mrs. Ebbeson sobbed a promise; but after Mr. Butterkin's bereavement, she found the covenant embarrassing, for in this suburban corner of the town, where she kept her eye on a widower who challenges unpleasant comment, and where Mrs. Ebbeson depicted the comfort, it was in unobtrusive ways not suspected by him, and hardly realized by the niece who kept his house. The door between the two sitting-rooms no longer, as formerly, stood invitingly ajar, but was hushed upon the widow's side. She never passed through it now, save in that gentleman's absence, when she occasionally assisted the inexperienced Esther in compounding his favorite dishes, or surreptitiously possessed herself of his fine mending. With his wife's demise the old free and easy life had ended. They were two distinct households, growing further and further apart as the weed upon the widower's hat waved rustily beneath accumulated months of mourning. It could scarcely have been otherwise. The closed door was but a symbol of the barrier which, in the very nature of things, must exist between the bereaved Mr. Butterkin and the bereaved Mrs. Ebbeson.

When a right hand glove has lost its mate, and a left hand glove has lost its mate, naturally desires to fit the remaining two together, if happily they make a pair, and the widow shrank sensitively at the thought of the neighbors thus mentally matching herself and Mr. Butterkin. As far as in her lay she tried to make it appear that the two twins were two old ones, which could by no possibility be mated.

No such feeling disturbed Butterkin. He was honestly glad to help Roxanna's friend—because she had been her friend, he would have said if he had thought about the matter at all; and in the kindness of his heart he presently asked if the chicken-bran was not getting low. He was going to the village; should he call at the mill?

"Or, if you have any errands, I can take you over as well as not," he added, as an after thought, and was mildly berated, at seeing the sudden flush on her face as she hurriedly answered that she had no errands.

Picking up the milk pail, in which the froth had perceptibly settled, he walked away with a troubled expression. He hoped Ruth hadn't any hard feelings toward him. What could have made her color up so? And then it occurred to him that though he had asked her often, he was sure she had not ridden with him for a long while—not since—why, not since Roxanna died! and his own face flushed under the dawn of a new idea. Ruth was afraid the neighbors might talk; strange he hadn't thought of it before. Dear! dear! what a timid little woman was she!

As he jogged lonesomely along in the froth wagon which used to carry two, and seemed dimly empty with one, he could not banish her from his mind, and he began to realize how constantly she had been in it of late. What had made her manner so distant these months past? was it fear of village gossip? or did she really dislike him? He wished he knew! and he jerked the reins unwittingly, wounding the feelings of his faithful beast, consciously trotting her best.

Turning in at his own gate, a rebellious clamor from Mrs. Ebbeson's henery greeted his ear. Alas for his vain attempt to overcome maternal instinct! Hardly had he left their sight when the clucking Brahmas sought their own, where the little widow found them bill to bill, the scarlet anklets hidden beneath the straw. Six times she dislodged them; and now at noon there they sat brooding over the pile of bricks she had heaped in their nest, twinkling their small, round eyes at her in lazy triumph. It was too much.

An immortal woman to be outwitted by a couple of finite hens? The little widow renewed the conflict, but not daring to lay hands upon the belligerent bipeds, she resorted to the discreet expedient of poking at them through the open window, thus affording Mr. Butterkin, as he rounded the corner, a confused vision of agitated calico dancing about a distracted rack-handle.

"What! setting again, Mrs. Ebbeson?" The small lady, until then unconscious of the gentleman's proximity, hastily withdrew her head from the window and looked down in some confusion from her perch on an inverted barrel.

"Yes, they're setting again; but it's just as well—just exactly as well," said she, rather incoherently.

"Now, now, we must see about this," responded Mr. Butterkin, fishing in his pocket for a ball of twine he had bought that day for stringing the tomatoes, and meanwhile glancing over his shoulder, apparently to assure himself that the orchard was where it should be. He would have liked nothing better than to lift the widow down, but his instinct told him she would prefer to descend by herself, unobserved, and he was capable of self-sacrifice.

"We'll tie the hens to the fence," he added presently, conscious of a thrill of delight as he pronounced these words.

He knew himself better than in the early morning, and could not disguise the fact that he felt a personal satisfaction in entering into the humblest partnership with Mrs. Ebbeson—a satisfaction not shared by the Brahmas, who, resenting his continued interference, tore his coat mercilessly. It was a jagged rent, from pocket to hem, in his Sunday garment, too, which in Roxanna's time had never gone to the village on a week day. But who was there now to watch over Mr. Butterkin's apparel? Not Mr. Butterkin, surely, to whom the distinction of dresses were but as sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal.

"Oh, a wicked, wicked shame!" cried Mrs. Ebbeson, in distress. "But I'll darn it just as well as I can."

"No, no, thank you, it's of no consequence," replied Mr. Butterkin, with manly indifference.

Imbued with the masculine superstition that incapacity with the needle betokens idleness, Mr. Butterkin looked aghast.

more Mr. Butterkin resolved that she should care for him. Before July was ended he had fully made up his mind to propose, inwardly assured that his late wife would sanction the proceeding, not if she were returned to flesh, but as a shade she would not wish to stand between him and her beloved Ruth. Of Mr. Ebbeson's shade he scarcely thought, doubting, perhaps, whether a man on earth destitute of moral substance could at death attain the dignity of a heavenly shadow. But there is a vast difference in proposing to propose, and proposing. Mr. Butterkin learned this to his chagrin after repeated abortive attempts at giving his frequent interviews with Mrs. Ebbeson a sentimental turn. At each advance of his she sped away as shyly as a girl, and in the secure retreat, by her mother's couch was as inapproachable as if seated aloft in the choir of Cassiopeia. In regard to a written declaration of love, Mr. Butterkin would sooner have attempted an essay on protoplasm. August found him still waiting for an opportunity. He, usually so prompt and unhesitating—the first selectman of the town. The better he loved the widow the more he despised himself, till one soft twilight, when the zephyrs were whispering tender thoughts to the leaves, he rose with the perate resolve and strode boldly round to the open door of the L. Mrs. Ebbeson sat just within the sitting-room, but he was too crafty to enter.

"If you'll kindly step this way a moment," he said, "I've another experiment to try on those hens."

But having lured her to him the next words were to the mark.

"I came to ask—that is, I wanted to know—in fact, I want to have a serious talk with you."

She believes in free will, he in foreordination; but his "serious talk" would not savor of theology, she knew. She nervously essayed to confine it to poultry.

"Really, Mr. Butterkin, you take too much trouble about those hens. They—"

"Nothing I do for you, Ruth, is a trouble."

"They're fairly rheumatic from standing in that barrel of water, and for all that they're not cured of setting."

"As I was saying, Ruth—"

"Don't say any more about 'em, Mr. Butterkin, I beg."

"I am not speaking about hens, Ruth."

Here Mr. Butterkin wiped his brow with his handkerchief. "I came talk about you—Don't go. Your mother didn't call. Why won't you marry me, Ruth?"

She gave him a dozen reasons on the spot; but the fallacy of reasoning logic being proverbial, Mr. Butterkin was not the man to heed them. At least, this I know; before the day came the widow Ebbeson had become Mrs. Butterkin, and frosty evenings she and her husband might have been seen sheltering two large broods of chickens, for in the end the Brahmas had their own way.

A LONDON COFFEE PALACE.

Dr. Barnardo is an active Christian, who has for years been laboring for the benefit of the poor and degraded, and for this purpose established a mission station in Limehouse, in the east of London, where he had a Ragged School, Refuge, religious services, and other things common to such missions in London. It appears that he recently conceived the plan of entering into competition with the gin-palaces, by establishing a coffee-palace, what should be to the common coffee-house what the gin-palace is to the common public-house. He has, therefore, purchased a public-house, known as the "Dublin Castle," situated in a very public thoroughfare in the east of London, and has fitted it up in great style. It is in the neighborhood of gin-palaces, and, like them, it has a double front, with plate-glass windows. Outside, a number of ornamental gas lamps display their beauty every night, while within, the gas-burners are numerous and brilliant. There is a spacious and comfortable room fitted with numerous seats, where visitors come with tea, coffee, cocoa, or chocolate. Or, if they prefer soda water, ginger beer, or lemonade, these beverages are at hand. There is, also, a private bar, to be reached from the street by another door, where those who choose may take refreshments, and enjoy private conversation for a limited time. Two cents will procure a good cup of coffee, and one cent a slice of bread and butter.

This experiment seems to be a success. A writer in the Christian World, who visited the place on a Saturday evening, a few weeks ago, says that a crowd, two or three deep, were besieging the bar, where the neatly dressed barmaids were rapidly supplying their wants; the maids were filled with company, and many visitors who could not find seats were standing. There were at least a hundred customers in this department alone, while a stream of persons were passing out, and another stream coming in. The company was composed of working men and women, with a number who were lower in the social scale than this, some even belonging to the variety known as "roughs." But all were orderly and quiet; and while there was evident cheerfulness, and while there was an absence of the loose and ribald conversation which are seldom wanting in the crowd at a gin-palace bar, who are under the stimulus of intoxicating drink.

In addition to the public and private bars, there are a reading-room, a smoking-room, and a room for those who wish to play at draughts, chess, etc., and on the night referred to, these rooms were all well-filled. There are also club-rooms, which can be hired by any respectable society at a small charge per night.—W. H., in Watchman.

BRAIN HYGIENE.

The brain that is not habituated to steady, hard work, is liable to be more or less injured by any spasmodic strain. In a healthy condition, however, supplied by pure blood, so as to insure the true balance between destruction and repair, the organ will bear almost any amount of tasking. So long as an intellectual worker can sleep and eat and exercise fairly, he is master of the situation; and the number of hours he devotes to his labors is much at his own option. When sleep becomes fitful and disturbed, and appetite fails, let him beware; to persist in labor despite these warnings, is to unsettle the system and either suddenly or gradually to break it down. Where there are extraneous cares and worries, whether connected with the daily occupation or otherwise, the difficulty of fulfilling the conditions of a healthy brain is increased tenfold.

Says the Boston Post: "People who advertise are smarter than those who don't; better looking, too, nine in ten."

In The Rough.

The marble was pure and white
Though only a block at best,
But the artist, with inward sight,
Looked further than all the rest,
And saw in the hard, rough stone,
The loveliest statue that sun shone on.

So he set to work with care
And chiseled a form of grace—
A figure divinely fair,
With tender, beautiful face;
But the blows were hard and fast
That brought from the marble that work at last.

So I think that human lives
Must bear God's chisel keen,
If the spirit yearns and strives
For the better life unseen;
For men are only blocks at best,
Till the chiseling brings out all the rest.

NEW YORK NOTES.

From our Regular Correspondent.

Mar. 13, 1877.

New York has a cooking school! It is in St. Marks' Place, and Miss Corson is the teacher. It is not so burdensome as most schools, we believe, having five holidays and only one school day a week, viz, on Saturday. Many of Gotham's fair daughters that have previously found Saturday a bore, find the cooking school a relief to the monotony, and stroll in to make a "stir" in the batter or a "rise" in flour. How country girls would laugh at the idea of going to school to learn cooking! Ah! but they must remember that New Yorkers don't live on "mush" and that *beignets soufflés* are more difficult of composition than "hasty pudding." Then, too, these ladies are taught to cook meats. We don't forget our old country Grandmother, and how she could brown a turkey just right, or fry ham and eggs, but where was she on chops or Porterhouse steaks? Nowhere! for she insisted on frying instead of broiling chops, and never saw a Porterhouse. All the good cuts went to the city, and those that were left were more like horse hide than cow's flesh. All honor then to Miss Corson and her school. What *viands* she will turn out! If the young ladies will only invite the young gentlemen in to dinner after they have cooked it, we think the project will be complete.

The elevated railroad has won another victory, and obtained the right to extend their track around the entire city, a distance of twenty miles. It has heretofore extended only from the Battery to Central Park, a distance of five miles. Last week Wednesday 250 men went to work on the extension, and the first car will run around the city in a few days. Truly "rapid transit" that; we only hope such hasty work will prove endurable. This new and novel road, which is run by steam, on a line with the second story of the houses, carried last year two and a half million of people. This year, with the extension, they hope to ride four millions. Seats in the cars of this line are already as scarce as they are in the horse cars. It is strange no company can make room enough for New York and her people.

Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, Jr., has got a new idea in his fruitful mind. His ideas are generally practical, like his "Gospel text" last summer, and this new project is eminently so; it is to feed the people he preaches to; in short, like the "gin mills," he gives a "free lunch." He has organized a society in his church, of young men, called the "Philip and Andrew Society of Trinity Chapel." In the basement of the chapel is a kitchen. In the basement of the chapel are long tables. On the long tables are rolls, bread, cold meats, cakes, and apple sauce. At a given signal the doors are thrown open and all the poor men in the vicinity are admitted. They stand round the tables waiting for a blessing, then suddenly drop and pitch in. After they have "cleared the board" they have a dessert up stairs of Gospel, temperance and Sankey hymns. We didn't learn how much of the latter they carried away with them, but certain we are that 60 gallons of tea and coffee, 600 loaves of bread, besides a few cows and a couple of orchards disappeared before that hungry crowd like mist before the rising sun.

New York is getting more people than it can take care of. Our good mayor, with a card million in his family, is like the "old woman that lived in the shoe." Every day there is some member of the family missing. The police have now in hand twenty cases of "mysterious disappearance," which they are hunting for. They say when the warm weather comes there will be a resurrection from the bottoms of our two rivers, and that many missing people will then rise and be on hand. Some of the missing ones don't stay away long enough to be missed, hardly. For instance, a "general alarm" is sent out of "boy stances," a returns next day from a fishing excursion. Older boys return from less innocent excursions. Many merchants are missing now-a-days; the world thinks them murdered for their plethoric purses; their creditors know they left on account of their empty ones, and their wives often find they didn't go alone. We need no Indiana divorces here; New Yorkers can close their business and get rid of their wives in a much easier way.

A young man named Elliott, of 65th street, took unto himself a wife the other day, and took unto his wife sundry little articles, dear to the feminine heart, such as silk dresses, laces, &c. That was all very well, but being so happy in his new state he forgot to pay for them. The dry goods merchant at last brought Mr. E. to his senses, and brought him and his senses up before Justice Bixby. Elliott gave some excuses and talked of bail; the justice said all right, and asked who would go bail for him. The young husband was foolish enough to send his wife after his mother-in-law! "You may call on spirits from the vasty deep, but will they come?" Never a corner neither did the mother-in-law, and the poor idiot was locked up. The young man is but eighteen, and didn't know any better, but by the time he is eighteen more we think he will look in another direction for help.

EDWARDS.

No trait of character is more valuable than the possession of a good temper. Home can never be made happy without it. It is like flowers springing up in our pathway, reviving and cheering us. Kind words and looks are the outward demonstrations; patience and forbearance are the sentiments within.

When a man is treating a dashing widow to oysters, and sees his wife coming into the restaurant, about all he can do is to button his coat, hang to his chair, and trust Providence.

We often find that an eloquent speaker is like a river—greatest at its mouth.

PALMER HISTORY—NO 3.

WHAT BECAME OF THE PARSONAGE AND SCHOOL LOTS.

Under the conditions of the original grant to the inhabitants of this town, a lot of one hundred acres was to be given to their minister. The Rev. Mr. John Harvey, being the first ordained minister settled here, took up the lot where, about the year 1820, Mr. Solomon Shaw lived. There was also a lot of one hundred acres, "lying on each side of Ware river," which had to be set off "for a ministry," or, in other words, for a parsonage. The grant directed besides that another one hundred acres be laid out as a school lot. These lots were staked out and approved in 1734 and 1735. Some stir was made several times with a view to having the parsonage and school lots disposed of, so that the money might be used to help "about a minister." In October 1757 a town meeting voted to petition the Legislature for license to sell them. It does not appear that a petition was sent; but in December of that year the town raised a committee to sell the two lots and to purchase in their place one which would be more satisfactory. In the Fall of 1758 the committee reported that they had sold the lands and bought the Rev. Robert Burns's farm. The parsonage brought one hundred and six pounds, thirteen shillings, and four pence; the school lot thirty pounds, thirteen shillings, and four pence; and for the Burns farm was paid one hundred and forty-one pounds, six shillings and eight pence, assuming into the bargain the "support of Jane Hill's child, of whom Mr. Burns was the reputed father." But for some unknown reason the sale of the school lot fell through. The record shows that in 1765 there was a vote to lease it for nine hundred and ninety-nine years—the annual income to be used for the schools. Nor was this ever done. For afterwards we find that several attempts were made to sell it. Complaint arose that the people trespassed in cutting the timber; it being regarded as owned in common. Committees were chosen to take care of the property, and, if they deemed it expedient, to prosecute for trespass. At one time Minister Baldwin was permitted by town vote to cut from it two thousand rails; and the people drew them gratis.

Early in 1793 the town put up the lot at "vendue," and sold it to Lieutenant John Hamilton, who gave his note for it in the sum of one hundred and twenty-one pounds.—When it was decided to build a meeting house in 1796, the proceeds of this lot and other notes in the treasury were appropriated toward defraying the cost of building.

The other notes of the "ministry lot" had before been sold to Mr. Baldwin, who gave for it a five years' note for one hundred and fifty pounds. For a part the time was extended; and several times the town voted to give him the interest. At length the whole was paid and the money loaned from the treasury on one year's credit. The accrued interest was from time to time used to defray incidental town expenses. About the year 1775, just before the Declaration, a considerable portion of both principal and interest was taken to buy powder and lead for the use of the town. Another portion was lost in Continental currency; the remainder was finally voted for the meeting house.

The plan was to pay for the house with what would accrue from the sale of the pews. It was objected that in that case it would be individual property and the town have no right to it. Hence there was passed a vote to vest the public funds in the building so that the town, as such, might have a right in it. Upon finishing it, it was found that with the public funds there was money raised than was necessary. Accordingly the pew-owners' notes for the third instalment were surrendered without payment. Thus passed away the original public funds of this town.

RULES FOR SPELLING.

The Journal of Education gives the following rules for spelling, which are invariable, and which if committed to memory would prevent that hesitation about the spelling of common words, which is experienced even by the well-educated.

All monosyllables ending in l, with a single vowel before it, have double l at the close; mill, sell.

All monosyllables ending in l, with a double vowel before it, have one l at the close; wall, sail.

All words of more than one syllable ending in l have only one l at the close; as faithful, delightful; except recall, befall, unwell, etc.

All derivations from words ending in l have one l only; as equality from equal; except they end in double l, as mill, miller; full, fuller.

All participles in ing from verbs ending in e lose the final; as have, having; amuse, amusing; except they come from verbs ending in double e, and then they retain both; as see, seeing; agree, agreeing.

All derivations from words ending in e retain e before the r; as refer, referring; except hindrance from hinder; disastrous from disaster; monstrous from monster; wondrous from wonder; cumbersome from cumber, etc.

All monosyllables ending in a consonant, with a single vowel before it, double that consonant in derivations; as sin, sinner; big, bigger; glad, gladder.

Monosyllables ending in a consonant, with a double vowel before it, do not double the consonant in derivations; as sleep, sleeping; troop, trooper.

All words of more than one syllable ending in a single consonant, preceded by a single vowel, and accented on the last syllable, double that consonant in derivations; as account, committee; compel, compelled; appeal, appealed; distil, distilled.

Nouns of one syllable ending in y, change y into ies in the plural, and verbs ending in y, preceded by a consonant, change y into ies in the third person singular of the present tense, and ied in the past tense and past participle; as fly, flies; I apply, he applies; I reply, I have replied, or he replied. If the y be preceded by a vowel, this rule is not applicable; as key, keys; I play, he plays; we have enjoyed ourselves.

Compound words whose primitives end in y change y into i; as beauty, beautiful; lovely, loveliness.

"Can you see me, dearest!" said a Chicago man to his dying wife. "Tell me, can you see me?" "No," she faintly whispered, "but I can smell your breath."

It is curious how easy a woman will be sick, but let a man be sick, and a bundle him into bed, and it is like putting a wild lion into the house.

The Journal.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 1877.

FREDERICK DOUGLASS has been appointed Marshal of the District of Columbia, and Prof. John M. Langston, another colored man, will be appointed commissioner of Agriculture. Thus does the President remember the colored race.

SENATOR Cameron has resigned his senatorship in order that his son Don, who has lost the war office, might have the position, and the Pennsylvania legislature has dutifully obeyed his wishes and nominated Don for the place, and will elect him.

MARCH thus far keeps its reputation good for being a very disagreeable month. Frequent squalls, frequent rains, frequent blows, mud, slush and chilliness are the average virtues of the month, and of these no one is vain enough to be proud.

PEOPLE in want of office under President Hayes had better not be in a hurry to apply. His administration will sustain all good men now in office, and fill others when they may become vacant with first-class candidates. That is the civil service he will practice.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, at its election on Tuesday, went strongly Republican, giving the Republican candidate for Governor, Benjamin F. Prescott, a majority of 3500. The council, senate and house are strongly Republican, and the three Republican candidates for Congress were elected. The last congressional delegation contained two democrats.

PRESIDENT HAYES and his family walked to church last Sabbath, and sent away a lack that came for them. He attended a modest Methodist church on a side street, and made no more show in so doing than a common citizen. So much to the credit of Mr. Hayes; but he entertained a small dinner party Sunday afternoon, which was not exactly orthodox.

It is authoritatively reported that the President has determined to withdraw the troops from South Carolina and Louisiana in a short time, the conservatives assuring him that there will be no disturbances, and that the rights of every citizen will be carefully guarded. This action would probably result in the establishment of the Hampton and Nicholls governments.

THE new administration of President Hayes starts off well, and is likely to please the whole country. The old-liners who have managed things so long are respectfully allowed to take back seats, while the President maps out a policy of his own, and very persistently follows it. Senator Cameron and several others of the same style undertook to block the President's wheels to start with, but the country was prompt to respond so significantly in favor of the President that the managers had to turn squarely around and give him their cordial support. The country North and South appears to feel confidence in the new President to start with, and no administration was ever started with better prospects. The settlement of the Southern question is the great problem which the administration has to contend with, but we are confident a settlement will be reached, which will put an end to that bone of contention, without sacrificing any of the great principles at stake in that matter. The cabinet which the President has selected, and which the Senate has confirmed, gives great satisfaction to the country, and is a guaranty of strength and character, an assurance that all difficulties will be settled and the Government placed on a peaceful footing. This is what the people have long desired, but have been unable to obtain.

FIRE.—There was a disastrous fire at St. John, N. B., last Friday, which destroyed property valued at \$200,000. Five men were killed by falling walls.—Taylor's saleratus factory in South Brooklyn was burned Sunday morning; loss \$140,000.—A New York tenement house was burned Sunday night, and two children perished in the flames.

Ex-Secretary Morrill has been appointed Collector of the port of Portland, Me.; Ex-Postmaster-General Tyner has accepted his old position of First Assistant Postmaster General; and Frederick W. Seward has accepted the position of First Assistant Secretary of State, which he held during Lincoln's administration.

A panic was caused in the Catholic church of St. Francis Xavier in New York, last Thursday night, by the hysterical swooning of a woman, and in the rush that ensued six women and one boy were trampled or suffocated to death on the narrow gallery stairway.

Jacob Hirschfeld, a Boston tailor, was found dead at his place of business early Tuesday morning from a pistol shot. It was probably a case of suicide.

Six girl babies were born in one house in Emanuel county, Ga., in one night recently, and one poor man had to own that he was grandfather of the lot.

A Kentuckian married a girl without previously telling her that one of his legs was wood, and she was so angry on finding it out that she left him.

A young man in Auburn, Me., recently died in a singular manner. The veins all over his body exuded blood till he died of exhaustion.

Three steamers sailed from New York on Saturday for Liverpool, loaded with fresh beef, amounting in all to two hundred tons.

The Exchange Bank of Cauadagua, N. Y., has failed; liabilities from \$140,000 to \$200,000.

The Suspension bridge at Niagara Falls has been closed for examination and repairs.

LETTER FROM SPRINGFIELD.

SPRINGFIELD, Mar. 14, 1877.

The grand centre of interest just now, for those who wish to "get a bargain," is the thronging of O. W. Wilcox. Here one justifies the rich and the fashionable, the poor, and the people of limited means—all intent on finding something they want at half, or a quarter its usual value. Vanity is a woman's inherent weakness, and it was illustrated the other evening, as we chanced into this crowd. A shabby man, with a child hanging on to his hand, was waiting for his wife, who stood looking over some feathers. He was poorly dressed, she with an attempt at splendor, had on a once pretty shawl, now faded and worn, a dress and hat in keeping, and a pair of well worn shoes. They might have had a bank account, but I doubt it, judging from their personal appearance. He at last grew impatient, and nudging her somewhat ungraciously said, "come Maria, don't stand all night looking at those gew-gaws," and started to go out; she turned imploringly toward this liege lord, with an eloquent gesture eloquent of her heart's wish: "but just wait a minute, Martin; those roses are beautiful, and so cheap—can't I have two?" "Oh Maria, Maria, why will you heart be set on such vanities—better buy some bread or cotton cloth." One wanted to look at life practically and the other from the picturesque side, and we wondered if Nature is consistent in her works?

The curious are to be gratified next week by the exhibition of those wonderful "Little Midgets," that have been drawing such crowds in Boston and other cities. The smallest specimen is said to be "General Mite," and "Major Tot," who is twelve years old, and stands upon the scales at nine pounds, and the Spanish girl, Lucia Larate, weighing 44 pounds, and is thirteen years old. The Major is said to be quite at home in the languages, speaking English, French, and German, and a well informed little fellow.

One of our young debutantes in "vocal oratory" is Miss Marion H. Sterns, who is winning considerable fame even where the prophet seldom bath honor. She is earnest and ambitious, and carries about her the freshness and enthusiasm of youth. She possesses an easy assurance on the stage, and holds the sympathy of her audience by an expressive and discerning rendition of her selections. She read a few nights since Franklin Hall, and received repeated encores. She is rather tall, has a sunny, pleasant face, and is capable of becoming a favorite in her profession. She will give a reading in Hartford next week. These evenings with the "artists," who play upon your emotional nature, are growing yearly more popular, and such readers as Helen Potter and Nella Brown have no lack of engagements. The charm of a finely cultivated, melodious voice, adds much to the recitation of either prose or poetry, and it some of our city clergymen would take lessons in elocution their sermons and exhortations would lose nothing in effect. "There are many people who care nothing for music, but every one has an ear for a skillful reading," says Emerson, in his book on social aims, and "Plutarch is careful to mention their excellent voices, and the pains bestowed by some of them in training these." John Quincy Adams was said to be one of the best readers of his time, and read the Bible with perfect certainty. Fine delivery and persuasive accents certainly enchain attention, and carry magnetism in speech, the same as in the carol of song.

We have a new opera house in prospect, and already planned upon paper, the idea started by some of our most influential citizens, but whether we shall have the pleasure of seeing it only in embryo, for the present, remains to be seen. Certainly the present one is too small to bring out the best plays successfully, and we all know, and the mass of the theatre goers would like something on a more expansive scale. We are progressing rapidly in our notions of how things should be done now-a-days, and we don't feel suited with a half way opera house.

The churches are economizing in every way, and hence making smaller appropriations in musical expenditures, which makes long faces among some of our well known local stars, and adds an extra length of thought to the committee's "ways and means." Musical people are talking it over with little or no amelioration of happiness in their condition, and wish they could go somewhere else, and do better at once, and end the anxiety that a thought of more or less "duets" brings.

The new Beethoven Hall is in the Third National Bank building, and has been designed and fitted up for musical ventures by that energetic woman of business, Mrs. Huthings, whose warehouses are below. It is exceedingly pretty and attractive, and opened last night to a select, sympathetic audience, who listened with appreciative pleasure to Mrs. Crawford's fine and skillful expression of some of the great composer's choicest concert, soon, and also that within its walls will be heard some "rare gems" and new artists who have won much outside praise and admiration in the wonderland of sound. "They" a select and recherche party is to be given soon, by one of our musical citizens, at which will be brought out a fine lady pianist, whose touch upon that instrument is the perfection of dainty grace, and exquisite skill and artistic finish. She is said to be young, winning in manner, and possessing a voice of much sweetness and charm. Miss Ida Shapleigh, one of our most promising young sopranos, has been engaged to sing at the North church. Conservatory. Zuchemann places strong faith in her future success.

Real estate is holding its own, and a more hopeful feeling prevails. We notice at the many mortgagee's sales that are now occurring, there are real buyers, from the class who have money to invest, and think bottom prices already reached. The people are in for retrenchment in so many things just now, wouldn't it be well to economize a little in the matter of personal gossip? Scandal has its cup running over with sweetness, and the churches, along with their other good works for suppressing the slander that is going from mouth to mouth, and often uttered by lips that breathe a prayer directly after repeating this verse of a Litaney. "From speaking of any one's virtues when we can see the faintest shadow of a failing or vice, good Lord deliver us."

Judge Shurtleff has brought forth an ingenious plan for a new city charter, that is likely to meet the approval of most of the "average voters." D. L. Harris is still at work at his interminable "Aggers," to prove his retrenchment plans. In the main the city's finances will be carefully looked after, and our dollars are to be put where they will do the most good.

Business is looking up, for Mr. H. (a grocer) says that Mrs. Brown was in the other day and wanted "an egg's worth of tea," and wished to be trusted until the hen laid the egg. Mr. Coenen gives up his popular Saturday evening concerts because the city fathers have "raised him out" on the price of the hall.

Rev. Dr. R. J. Adams of Holyoke has been called to the pastorate of the Main Street Baptist church of Worcester; and Rev. G. W. Fuller, of Newton Theological Institute, to the Baptist church in Chicopee.

LOCAL BUSINESS NOTICES.

A fresh lot of Leather at Eager's.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Colds and influenzas abound these days. Kerosene is working down again, having reached 25 cents a gallon.

Rev. C. H. Eaton will preach in Wales Hall to-morrow morning and evening.

N. S. Taylor has bought out the interest of F. C. Allen in the Central St. market.

J. L. Bacon closes his dancing school with a social assembly at Weeks Hall, next Tuesday evening.

Prof. Walton, agent of the State Board of Education, visited the schools in this village Wednesday.

There is a prospect of a concert by the Amherst Glee Club this month, if our citizens want to hear them.

"Resolved, That cold weather is pleasanter than warm," is the problem which the Excelsior club will wrestle with at their next meeting.

A few sleighs ventured out Thursday, the snowfall of the previous night having covered the ground just enough to make a little "slipping."

J. S. Leedham has out a new sign, and several of our merchants are giving daily bulletins of goods and prices, in their store windows.

A sub committee of the Legislative committee on Charitable matters visited the State Primary School on Tuesday, to ascertain what were the special needs of the institution.

Mr. Burnham Wardwell, of Cambridge, who comes quite highly recommended as a speaker, will deliver an address on "Prisoners and Paupers" in the Baptist vestry Sunday evening, and especially requests mothers and children to be present.

Mr. Hussey, an agent of Gay Bros., Providence, R. I., is canvassing Palmer for a splendid edition of the Holy Bible, containing many features which the works of other publishers lack. He furnishes the books for cash or on the installment plan.

E. N. Fay recently engaged John Carroll, one of the "traveling brotherhood," to work for him, and the other morning he turned up missing, together with a robe and a whip belonging to Mr. Fay. The articles were found soon afterwards in one of our village saloons, but the man had made good his escape.

The chimney at the carpet factory swayed very perceptibly in the high wind last Friday morning, and the employees left the buildings in not haste, expecting that it would topple over every moment, and work was suspended for the rest of the day. But the chimney weathered the gale successfully, and came out all right.

The following item appears in the daily papers: "William Hitchcock has been appointed mail agent on the Boston and Albany railroad, having been a popular agent of the New London Northern for some years." So far as the item refers to W. C. Hitchcock the "popular agent on the Ware River R. R.," it is incorrect.

The charitable committee of the Legislature have reported a \$5000 resolve to help the State Primary School to better clothing, bedding and repairs. The committee on claims report "leave to withdraw" on the petition of Dr. Wakefield, late Supt. of the same school, who asks to be reimbursed for money advanced by him for salaries.

Whitmore & Clark's minstrels were intending to give an entertainment in Wales Hall next Wednesday evening, and were distributing their programmes around the place, when they found there was some misunderstanding about the hall, Prof. Wheeler having engaged it for his concert, and so they will have to give this place the go-by for the present.

The Lyceum now has O. P. Allen for its president, E. J. Wood, secretary; and as executive committee, H. C. Strong, Drs. Warren and Holbrook, Mrs. Baldwin and Mrs. Strong. Next week a miscellaneous literary programme is offered, and the following week a mock court, on a divorce case, when Messrs. Gardner, Taft, Fullerton and Strong will appear as counsellors; and Dr. Wakefield as judge.

The funeral of Mrs. Alonzo Parks, formerly of this place, who died quite suddenly at her home in Washington, D. C., last Saturday evening, was attended from the Baptist church in this village Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Parks was formerly Miss Julia Sanborn, was a cultured singer, and was well known in musical circles hereabouts, where she had many warm friends.

Rev. Mr. Eddy's lecture last Saturday evening included a graphic history of the rise of temperance spirit in the world, and of the various societies and organizations which have been, or are now, working for its advancement. His own society, as being the only one which admitted men and women as equal workers, was highly eulogized. Mr. Eddy is an excellent speaker, and his arguments are concise and right to the point.

The New London Northern railroad will soon extend its tracks at New London to enable it to handle the large amount of coal it expects to carry over its road in consequence of an arrangement just completed by which the Philadelphia and Reading railroad will run regularly two of their large steamers to New London with coal for New England. The London and the railroad both anticipate quite an impetus to business from this arrangement.

John L. Shorey of Boston, the well-known publisher of the ever-popular "Nursery," sends us the initial number of a new magazine, "The Monthly Reader," containing 16 pages, in large new type, and elegantly illustrated. It is carefully adapted to the wants of our primary schools, and is designed as supplemental to the usual First Reader, for use in the primary schools. School committees and parents will do well to look into the merits of this new claimant for public favor. Only fifty cents a year, postage free.

The array of talent secured to assist Prof. Wheeler and his pupils at their Wales Hall concert next Wednesday evening, as given in his programme, is a sufficient guarantee that the public may expect a rich musical treat. The celebrated Boston cornetist, is, we believe, the only one in the list who will need an introduction to a Palmer audience, all the others having already made their debut, and been favorably received. The programme, which we publish in another column, tells the whole story. Secure your seats early at Allen & Cowan's.

OUR SCHOOLS. The school committee report their total receipts for the past year at \$9,194, and the expenses \$8,718, leaving a balance of \$476 on the right side, with \$123 additional due from various sources for tuition. Teachers' salaries have cost \$6501, fuel and care of houses \$729, Bondville special and other general repairs \$758, and miscellaneous items \$680. For the coming year the committee ask an appropriation of \$7,500 for teachers' fuel and

care of houses, and \$600 for general repairs, a total of \$800 less than last year's appropriations. The committee think a total vacation of twelve weeks in a year enough for the scholars, and so have given them 40 weeks' tuition this year instead of 36 as heretofore. They report the schools never better in quality, and the school property, estimated at \$17,500 in value, in fair condition, but say the Whiting, Three Rivers and Palmer houses will need painting. They recommend the filling in of a portion of the school yard in this village, and also the purchase of a portion of the adjoining lot on Park street so that the present school building may be enlarged or an additional one built, to accommodate the increasing number of scholars, there being more pupils now at times than there are seats in the building.

TOWN MEETING. Our annual town meeting takes place next Monday. Already the ballot makers have got up several tickets, which they will push with vigor, but it is unsafe to predict the result. One ticket for selectmen is: P. W. Webster, T. D. Potter, Elbridge Hastings; another is: Enos Calkins, E. G. Murdock, T. D. Potter; and still another names John M. Converse, P. W. Webster, and Austin R. Smith. In addition to these, quite a number of citizens think that the present board have done so well for the town, in managing its affairs, and abridging expenses, it should be re-elected. In any case, it is thought by careful business men, that at least one of the old board should be re-elected as a great advantage in the management of affairs. It would no doubt be beneficial if the board of selectmen, like the school committee, took on only one new member each year. For school committee, E. B. Gates is named. He is an experienced gentleman for the position, and the town could do better than elect him. Nobody thinks of changing the board of assessors. They have the ropes all learned, and have done their business very satisfactorily. It will be well for the people of the town to carefully consider the appropriations, and not make them haphazard as they usually are made. Some of our financiers and economists would do well to prepare beforehand a careful estimate of what the real needs are in the several departments, and submit a statement to the meeting. Other towns are abridging their expenses in all departments, and taxpayers everywhere are disposed to lighten their burdens in the day of our own expenses. It is quite probable that our own townpeople are inclined in the same direction.

DISTRICT COURT. Last week Thursday William Ramsdell of Three Rivers was brought before the court and pleaded not guilty to a charge of assault, but was fined \$26.46, including costs, from which he appealed.

Margaret Devine was up on Saturday for drunkenness, and failing to produce the necessary \$7.20 she was committed.

On Monday Mary Sullivan of Palmer pleaded not guilty to a charge of assault on Timothy Sullivan, and her case was continued until April 30th.

Samuel Wallace of Monson was on Wednesday fined, with costs, \$8.55, for an assault on Julia A. Wallace.

Thursday: Luke Hastings, drunkenness, \$8.65.

BELCHERTOWN. More than thirty applications have been received for the vacancy made by the resignation of Principal Mellen, of the high school.

ENFIELD. Chas. Clark paid one cent and costs last week for abusing his wife.

The Republicans fired fifty guns last Saturday, in honor of the election of President Hayes.

The dramatic club played "The Last Leaf" and "Port Wine vs. Jealousy" Monday evening, and on Tuesday evening Rev. W. C. High of Springfield lectured in the Methodist church on "The Mammoth Cave."

BONDVILLE. The Methodist want Rev. Mr. Noon returned to them for a third year. They have elected the following stewards: A. R. Murdock, T. D. Potter, P. H. Potter, B. D. Parsons, H. G. Sedgewick, L. W. Bond, B. Sedgewick, T. A. Talmage and F. A. Packard; as trustees, T. D. Potter, B. D. Parsons, F. A. Talmage, J. White, C. P. Keith, A. R. Murdock, E. B. Murdock, O. B. Smith and Merrick Whitney.

WILBRAHAM. The North Cong. church parish will omit Sunday afternoon services hereafter, in order that Rev. Mr. Howard may preach at Collins Depot. A. A. Phelps has been chosen clerk and treasurer of the parish, and F. G. Warner, Phineas Knowlton and Charles Corbin parish committee.

The school committee have arranged with the academy trustees to furnish high school instruction to scholars.

The spring term of the academy begins next Wednesday.

THREE RIVERS. Mr. Ruggles's singing school closed Monday evening.

Rev. Mr. Scott preached in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. Wednesday evening. Rev. Mr. Holman exchanges pulpits to-morrow with Rev. Mr. Berry of Belchertown. There is talk of having a night watchman for the village.

Dr. Ruggles has sold a lot on "Broadway" to Henry McMaster, who proposes to build a lively stable upon it.

Some good Samaritan has been naming and labeling the streets in the village, the citizens waking up Sunday morning to find neatly printed signs on the corners of each street, Main street being changed to "Broadway," Front street to "Commercial Row," etc.

BRIMFIELD. This week has been busy with the preparations for the exhibition Friday night. Mr. Norwood had two or three rehearsals each day, criticising very closely and entering into the work with great enthusiasm. The play of "Guy Mannering" was selected for the exhibition.

The examinations of the Hitchcock Free High School passed quietly. Wednesday, the 7th, two or three classes in music were examined; Thursday was devoted to languages; very few visitors were present and little interest seems manifested in the study of classics. Friday was so stormy that few were present to listen to the examinations in the English branches. Most of the scholars showed good proficiency and great readiness in answering questions upon the studies which they had been over during the term. After the interview Friday night, many of the scholars went to the hall and danced till midnight, when supper was served. After supper the party returned to the hall and passed a merry hour in dancing.

WARREN. The Grand Army Post had their sixth annual fair last evening.

Wm. P. Canning declines to serve on the school committee, to which he was recently elected for three years.

Samuel E. Blair enters upon his twenty-third consecutive year of service as town clerk and treasurer.

Rev. S. J. Austin has asked to be dismissed June 30th, from the pastorate of the Cong. church, which he has filled so acceptably for the past eight years.

The Cong. parsonage society has declined

a 5 per cent. dividend and elected the following officers: clerk, J. W. Chadsey; treasurer, J. P. Hitchcock; directors, W. H. Shepherd, M. K. Whipple, S. H. Sibley.

George Finney has been engaged to make cheese at the Warren cheese factory, and a prosperous year is looked for. The control of the factory, which has heretofore been largely among Brimfield farmers, passed almost entirely into the hands of Warren farmers at the recent election, N. S. Hubbard, the treasurer and selling agent, being the only Brimfield man on the board.

LUDLOW. The school house at Ludlow City was unfurrowed in last Friday's storm, and trees and fences were blown down.

A hen owned by A. P. Chapin recently laid an egg which weighed 44 ounces and contained three yolks.

Over fifty cases of measles are reported in the town, with new cases every day.

Cooke's stereopticon exhibited views of the Centennial at the Methodist church Tuesday evening.

The Methodists will request the return of their pastor, Rev. M. H. Martin, another year. The meetings this week under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. have been increasingly interesting, with a number of conversions, and renewed zeal among church members.

For the coming year each school district will have 36 weeks of schooling. The town still sticks to the district system, and as a consequence the committee reports the school houses, especially those in districts 2, 3 and 9, in bad repair, as the districts fail to hold their annual meetings, and so no one is authorized to order or pay for the needed repairs.

At Monday's town meeting the following officers were chosen: clerk and treasurer, B. F. Burr; selectmen and overseers of the poor, John Ray, D. C. Jones, Ambrose Clough; assessors, Edward E. Fuller, Henry S. Jones, Austin F. Nash; school committee for three years, Rev. Timothy Lyman; collector of taxes and constable, Charles Sikes; special constables, Alanson Poole, John Hobson, Jr., F. F. Fairbanks, E. H. Stewart. The appropriations were, schools, \$1900; highways and bridges, \$1500; town charges, \$2500; total, \$5900.

MONSON. The winter term of the Academy closed last Tuesday.

The selectmen are busy making out the annual town report.

J. F. Murphy has sold his saloon to M. Cunningham, and Mr. M. has purchased an interest in Willis's clothing store.

Martin Poro, a Frenchman living with Cyrus Day in the west part of the town, was seriously injured by being kicked by one of Mr. Day's horses.

It wouldn't be a bad idea at the coming town meeting not to choose any school committee, and see if 9 can't run the schools as well as 12.

Rev. Dr. Porter, of Brooklyn, N. Y., brother of the late Dea. A. W. Porter, preached last Sabbath in the forenoon in the Cong. church, and in the afternoon at the Methodist.

The new tenement house built by D. G. Green was burned Wednesday morning about 4 o'clock. Henry Calkins had most of his household goods stored in it, and a couple of carpenters' tool chests were also burned. Loss \$1200 to \$1500; no insurance.

As R. Stacy was driving near the depot a few days ago his horse, a valuable one, stepped on a stick, one end of which flew up and penetrated the animal's flank some six inches, making an ugly wound from which the blood flowed copiously; but the horse is now doing well and will probably not be materially injured by it.

SOUTH WILBRAHAM. Some 25 x 10 feet of the dam at the Lacawake mill was carried off by the breaking up of the ice on the 9th inst.

Sabbath school concert at the Cong. church Sabbath evening. Dea. Montague, from the 1st church, Springfield, is expected to be present and address the school.

The Wilbraham Woolen Co. are making thorough repairs on their boarding house, raising the east L one story, and otherwise making preparations for more boarders.

The storm of wind last week blew down the cupola of the barn of Miss Caroline Morris, making kindling wood for awhile. It also finished up the job of destruction of the horse sheds at the Cong. church.

Amos Whitaker lost a valuable horse the 9th inst. when he was driven ten years, and he has sold them at \$400. This is the eighth horse he has lost since he has been teaming in this village.

The firm of Hunn & Stimson, who have supplied this village with meat for the last two years, has dissolved. Mr. Hunn supplies this village hereafter, and Mr. Stimson Rockville and vicinity. Their headquarters have been in North Somers, Ct., where they now both butcher.

Mr. Ballard bid off the farm of the late Mrs. Harradon, at the auction sale Thursday, for \$3500, the amount at which it was appraised.

WEST WARREN. The public schools in this village open on the 26th inst.

The young people among the Congregationalists are to have an old folks' concert next week.

Hen thieves went for John B. Sibley's hen roost last Thursday night, departing with most of his poultry.

John Shea, so well known about here, who has been seriously ill for a long time past, is recovering rapidly and is able to be out.

The place has been without a barber for nearly a month, but last Friday an artist came down from Holyoke and took rooms in Postmaster Elwell's building.

Tommy Haley, a young boy employed in the cloth room of the Warren cotton mills, caught his hand in a calendering machine on Saturday, injuring it so badly that one finger had to be amputated.

J. B. Lombard was attacked on Main street Wednesday night, by a heifer, which was being driven along the street by a stranger, the animal striking him in the abdomen and throwing him violently against the curbstone, injuring him severely, but to what extent is not yet known.

The religious interest does not flag. The Methodists hold four prayer meetings a week, including "class meeting." It is probable a church will be formed here ere long. The Cong. church has been holding several special prayer meetings of late, which were well attended and full of interest.

William F. Hall Monson evening next, for the benefit of the post fund of Calvin Cutter Post 99, G. A. R. His selections will be as follows: "The Fox and the Ranger," "Parrish and the Captive," "Peter-lod-day," "Charge of the Light Brigade," "Miss Maloney on the Chinese Question," "Charcoal Man," "Old Clock on the Stairs," "Simon Pure and the Swabber." Mr. Wilson comes highly recommended.

Some one broke into Timothy Cahill's house last Saturday night. They were either experts at the business or bold amateurs, as they went into his bedroom and took his watch hanging by the bedside. Mrs. Cahill woke up, but kept quiet for fear of being murdered, till they left the house and made

good their escape. It is supposed that some money which had been around in sight for some time tempted some one, but they came too late, as it had been removed.

THE LEGISLATURE.

From our own Correspondent.

Boston, Mar. 14.

The twenty-third instant is the time fixed by a joint rule of both houses for the committees to have all their reports in, and as the two branches can then settle down to square work, an adjournment with the advent of the May flowers is quite probable.

The Tunnel committee have a voluminous mass of testimony before them, and the construction of a report touching upon all the points referred to will require considerable "night work" on the part of the chairman, and all others who may desire to express their views upon the difficult subject. As has been intimated in this correspondence, it is probable that one report will be submitted in favor of the Burt bill, while some may advise action for the present. But we have yet to learn of many converts to the Utopian schemes of that railroad maniac, Mr. Edward Crane, whose extravagant ideas are annually paraded before the Legislature; but there has never been a General Court yet which would adopt his views.

The Woman Suffragists have experienced a drawback, in a hearing given to the remonstrants to their petition. It seems, however, a work of supererogation for any "remonstrants" to appear in the matter, for we do not suppose there is one man in ten in the present Legislature who is in favor of granting the right of suffrage to women. The rights of woman is a ticklish subject for all other sex to deal with, but laying aside all levity in the matter, we have no doubt that the ballot in the hands of women would be a potent help to all causes of reform and improvement. But stupid man can never be led to see it, and so the Woman's Journal people must continue to hammer on, hoping that sometime the millennium will dawn and woman will become a "sovereign" among the people.

The Westboro school is destined to have more trouble, as an effort has been made to re-open the investigation and publish all the testimony that was taken at their secret hearings. The character of this testimony is reported to be of a very serious nature, but the public must learn, sooner or later, that a public institution is the most vulnerable thing in the world for any one to attack, and while everything may be substantially correct, still, to those who are disposed to do so, considerable of a stir can be raised. Of one thing, however, the people can be assured, and that is, whenever you find a disposition to "kick up a row" about a public institution, there is somebody at the bottom of the trouble who has a private axe to grind, and that person's own personal revenge, and not the public good, is the end sought to be attained. While there may be defects in the management at Westboro—and where is the institution where there is not?—the high character which the superintendent enjoys, as a man and a brother, should have some weight on the other side, and due allowance thereof should be given. But if "abuses" are found to really exist, it is poor policy on the part of the charitable committee to attempt to suppress the fact, and make a "white-washing" report.

The proceedings of yesterday were enlivened by the presence of Speaker Randall of the National House of Representatives—the noblest Roman of them all—and both Democrats and Republicans vied with each other in paying their respects to the now famous man, who so distinguished himself in the final hours of the last Congress. Mr. Randall is a tall, well-proportioned man, smooth shaven, with a good profile, and looks like a man of no mean abilities, as his career as Speaker has abundantly testified. He has been in New Hampshire helping the Democrats, but he should have visited more legislatures and kept away from the funeral.

Our readers who want pumps or plumbing materials can find a good stock at the store of A. M. Knight & Son, 363 Main street, Springfield, Mass.

"Oh, my back!" How often we hear these words. Pain in your back, nine times out of ten, arises from Kidney Disease. HUNT'S REMEDY, used as directed, will cure all diseases of the Kidneys, Bladder and Urinary Organs. INFALLIBLE EYE WASH cures Swollen Eyes.

All of our readers when visiting Springfield, if in want of boots or shoes, will find it to their advantage to call at Fay's One Price Shoe Store, 392 Main street, where the lowest prices are guaranteed.

To see a home well furnished is happiness. Metcalf & Luther, opposite Court Square, Springfield, can do it.

The all-absorbing topic of the day

The Journal.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 1877.

THE U. S. Senate adjourned *sine die* last Saturday afternoon, having confirmed most of the President's nominations.

THE Paris Exhibition next year promises to be on a large scale, and the sum of \$500,000 is wanted to aid in the American exhibit. Congress will no doubt be called upon to make an appropriation for this object.

Gov. RICE has nominated Augustus L. Soule of Springfield to fill the vacancy on the Supreme bench, caused by the appointment of Judge Devens to the Cabinet. This is a good appointment and gives very general satisfaction.

A. OAKLEY HALL, formerly mayor of New York, has suddenly and mysteriously disappeared. His habits have been very irregular lately, and it is thought he may have committed suicide or fled the country, fearing implication in ring frauds.

Ex-Gov. Emory Washburn died at his house in Cambridge on Sunday, aged 77, after an active and honorable life. His funeral occurred on Wednesday. Massachusetts has now seven ex-Governors living, viz.: Messrs. Boutwell, Gardner, Banks, Bullock, Claflin, W. B. Washburn and Gaston.

COAL is getting quite reasonable in price. The Pennsylvania Coal Company sold 246,000 tons at New York on Tuesday, at prices ranging from \$2.70 for lump to \$3.17 for stove. An additional charge of 70 cents a ton is made for delivering in New York or Brooklyn. This is a decline of from 25 to 30 cents on a ton from February sales.

THE cattle disease has reappeared in England, after a disappearance of eleven years, and the result is a great demand for American beef. The London *Telegraph* states that the American meat cellars under the Cannon St. station occupy twenty-seven thousand square feet. They are arranged for what is called "cold storage," and are thronged from morning to night with eager purchasers.

Town elections are about over for this year, and quiet agriculturists may now turn attention to the business of farming, making ample provisions for the assessor and tax collector when they call around. Now, while the mud is drying up, it is a good time to make calculations on fertilizers, area of crops, hired help, etc., and if fences are getting poor preparations should be made to put them in good order.

FLOUR is now manufactured at New York, which needs no yeast to raise it. All the cook has to do is to wet up the flour with a little water, and it will rise and be very light. It is claimed that bread or cake made from this flour will keep much longer than if made the old way, and is more healthful. Now if some one will invent a plan to bake the bread without fire we shall arrive at the very perfection of bread making.

The officers of the New Haven and Northampton Railroad find it uphill work resisting an act of the Connecticut Legislature, which provided that trains on that road should stop at Plantsville. The officers of the road have avoided the law by various schemes, but the Supreme court has rendered a decision in favor of the town, and an order of the Superior court to arrest the officers of the road is being put in execution. President Charles N. Yeamans of Westfield has been arrested, and an order has been issued for the arrest of the directors.

The Northampton bank robbers are having their preliminary examination in that town, and it turns out that an expert of the Herring Safe Company—W. D. Edson—furnished the robbers with a wax impression of the bank keys, having visited Northampton and taken the impression while filling one of the keys to make it fit better. The robbery does not appear so mysterious, after Mr. Edson's testimony, and he appears equally guilty with the robbers, but will probably escape punishment on account of exposing the robbers.

FRIDAY, the 23d inst., (yesterday) was set for the execution of John D. Lee, a Mormon prophet, charged with leading the massacre of Mountain Meadow, Sept. 16, 1857, when 120 men, women and children emigrants, were murdered in cold blood. Lee had eight wives and sixty-four children, and was a high official in the Mormon church. He made a confession lately, in which he stated that the massacre was ordered by the Mormon church, and he charges Brigham Young with being responsible for the crime. Lee had his choice of death—by hanging or shooting, and he chose to be shot.

It pays to be an officer in some of the life insurance companies of New York. The President of the Mutual Life receives \$30,000 per annum, and the First Vice President \$18,000, while the corresponding officers of the Equitable Life receive \$37,500, and \$22,000 respectively. One man has received in salaries, fees, etc., the sum of \$485,905 since the organization of the company. This may all be right, but the legislature, whose investigations brought out these facts, will very likely think differently, and decide that policy holders shall have a larger share in the profits of the companies.

MURDER IN GRANBY.—Archibald McGowan, an Irishman, shot and killed his son-in-law, John McGowan, at 1 o'clock Thursday morning. Both had been drinking, and John was in the act of getting in at the window when shot by his father-in-law, who claims that he did not know who it was, but supposed him to be a burglar.

State Institutions and Their Scandals.

It is getting to be about all one's reputation is worth to enter upon charge of a Massachusetts public institution. The old Commonwealth is very good to provide for the wants of her destitute and helpless, but is often uncharitable and ungrateful to her servants. Almost every session of the Legislature is busy with investigations into the management and scandals of one or more of her institutions. One year it will be the insane hospitals, another year the State almshouses, and so on from year to year, till the round is made. All these institutions are provided with boards of overseers, who should know and correct any faults of their superintendents, in the treatment of inmates; but the fabulous story of a discharged officer will often put the whole Legislature into a fever of excitement, and inflict great injustice on a superintendent who is endeavoring to do his duty.

At the present time the Reform School for Boys at Westboro is under a cloud, and the Legislature is regaled with a catalogue of quite astonishing outrages. It is charged that boys are unmercifully whipped for trifling offences, confined in a sweat box for days, cruelly flogged by strapping, and nearly killed by the shower bath. The cases are colored to suit the occasion and are reported by a discharged officer. The Committee on Charitable Institutions investigated all these charges, and every member but one united in a report that the Reform School is governed in a satisfactory manner. But the question is reopened by members who have been informed of the alleged outrages, and a bill has been reported requiring an accurate account of every punishment to be kept, and such punishments as the sweat box and shower bath are prohibited.

The Reform School is little less than a juvenile prison, and we are sorry to say that very few boys who go there come out any better than they were when they went in. Many of these offenders remain there till twenty-one years of age, when they can be kept no longer, and are discharged to become inmates of houses of correction or State prisons in a very short time. The original purpose of the school was to discipline young boys and make them better, but it has been enlarged from time to time, a great number admitted for discipline, and it receives a class of juveniles who have almost become men, but are so educated in crime and wickedness that the house of correction is a more suitable place for them. The recent outbreak among the large boys is one result of this system. Severe discipline has to be resorted to at times, to preserve order, and bring these young offenders into subjection. The boys at Westboro are pretty well posted on what is said in the Legislature concerning them, and will draw encouragement from the attempts made to limit punishment for their disobedience. The subject deserves careful consideration by men who have some practical knowledge of juvenile reformatories, and who are capable of suggesting a better classification of their inmates.

The Southern question is not settled yet, and is likely to plague President Hayes and his cabinet for some time. It is not so easy a matter to wipe out the Republican governors of South Carolina and Louisiana. They claim to have been legally elected, and are holding their positions against Democratic organizations which claim also to have been legally elected. The latter are making a great effort at Washington to have the President sustain them, urging that in such an event peace will return to those States and prosperity will again be enjoyed by their inhabitants. On the other hand the Republicans claim that if the Republican tickets of these States were not elected it is clear that President Hayes was not elected, and further, that if the Republican governments of those States are to be set aside, the Republican party there, which is clearly in the majority, will be wiped out. The leading Democrats of the South are playing a very fine game in this matter, and the President seems determined not to act in a hurry. It is thought, after all, that he will send a commission South to investigate the matter, in which case some months may elapse before the end is reached.

The Democrats of the Ohio Legislature are to be pitted. In the absence of Republicans to attend the inauguration of Hayes, they passed a resolution declaring that Hayes had received 185 votes by fraud, perjury, &c., and declaring that faith in Almighty God had been destroyed in this that he had allowed fraud, villainy and mortal perjury to triumph over truth, honesty and virtue.

Arrangements are being made for a survey for a railroad from Hartford through Rockville, Stafford Springs, Wales and Fiskeville, to the proposed Southbridge and Brookfield railroad near Sturbridge, then following that and the Boston and Albany roads to East Brookfield.

The Bank of Lansingburg, N. J., established in 1813, suspended on Monday, on account of the depreciation of its assets, largely in railroad stocks. The depositors will not lose much.

Attorney-General Devens has reported that an extra session of Congress is unavoidable, and it will probably be held in June.

A thief reached over a railing in a bank at Indianapolis, Ind., Wednesday, and grabbed \$25,000, with which he escaped.

The Fort Pitt boiler works at Pittsburgh, Pa., were burned Sunday morning. Loss \$140,000.

Trunks made of rattan and covered with linen are said to be more durable than leather, and are in great favor with tourists.

Strawberries are selling on Broadway, N. Y., for 80 cents a basket of ten berries.

LOCAL BUSINESS NOTICES.

Business good at Eager's. Jedediah, aunt Polly's big boy, speaks hys little piece at ye Slingshot Skewl entertainment next Wednesday evening. W. A. Farnsworth & Co. are doing it now. They are selling an elegant all-wool suit for men's wear at the trifling sum of nine dollars. It can't be beat.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Blue birds and robins have arrived. Two hand organs on the street Wednesday—another sure harbinger of Spring.

Rev. H. L. Reade assisted at two special meetings at the Cong. church this week.

Representative Sessions of South Wilbraham is quite ill at Boston with pneumonia.

St. Paul's parish will hold its annual meeting in Union Hall Monday evening, at 7 1/2 o'clock.

Dr. U-ta-wa-n lectured on Indian affairs and his medicines, at Union Hall Tuesday evening.

The Excelsior Club has a discussion on the relative merits of city and country life, at its next meeting.

The Palmer Market has just laid in a large Herring, weighing over a ton. Burglars will please take notice.

It was Willard Fisher, instead of William, whose experience in churning we gave a few weeks ago in this column.

The high school closed on Tuesday, and the other schools in town will close next week Tuesday for a two weeks' vacation.

Rev. C. H. Eaton will preach in Wales Hall to-morrow, morning and evening. Subject in the evening, the Parable of the Sower.

Mrs. C. L. Gardner entertained the Congregationalist "brothers and sisters" at her hospitable dwelling, Thursday evening.

Ye young menne and maidens who doth sett together, will refrain from levitie and sparkin at "Aunt Sally Bassett's," next Wednesday evening.

Some interesting history regarding the old-time ministers in this town is given on our outside this week, in Rev. Mr. Fullerton's "Palmer History."

The Reform club now numbers over one hundred members, including some who have been hard drinkers. Meetings are held every Wednesday evening.

If enough tickets can be sold in Palmer to warrant, an extra train will be run to Monson to hear Murray, on Wednesday evening next. Tickets may be obtained at Appleton's.

John Graves has sold his farm to Michael Maloney of Monson, for \$4500, and gives possession the first week in April. Mr. Graves will sell his personal property at auction April 4th.

Mrs. Mark Daniels, who lives on Wilbraham mountain, had a leg broken below the knee by being thrown from a sleigh last week Thursday evening. Dr. Holbrook was called and set the limb.

If you want to see the best Yankee character entertainment on the stage, go and see "Aunt Polly" and "Jedediah," at Wales Hall next Wednesday evening. "There's millions in it," of fun, and you'll laugh and grow fat.

R. C. Wing has just completed a two story building with basement on Fox avenue, the upper story of which he will use for a hat and bonnet bleachery, the rest of the building being occupied by the steam boiler works of W. R. Parks.

Col. Stone, having completed the refurnishing and refitting of the Nassawanno House, is to have a "house-warming" social next Tuesday evening. Bacon & Kenfield's band will furnish the music, and a very pleasant occasion is anticipated.

H. O. Hancock was quite severely injured Thursday forenoon by falling through a scaffold, when he was at work at Mr. Keith's house, east of Blanchardville, and was insensible for two or three hours; but so far as is known no bones were broken.

John W. Draper of Fiskeville, who runs a stage between Fiskeville and Globe Village, has been awarded the contract for carrying the mails between Palmer and Southbridge for the four years beginning July 1. The late S. B. Gould has held the contract for the past sixteen years.

Mr. John Baker of Springfield, who has taken an active interest in the unfortunate band of Poles at the State Primary School, whose sad history we related a while ago, is making preparations for a concert in their behalf in Springfield, to help raise money to send them to Brazil or some colony of their countrymen in the West.

Thursday evening the Lyceum had a most varied programme, with singing by Miss Lizzie Peeney and a quartette, organ solos by Prof. Wheeler, remarks on the metric system by Mr. Baldwin, and essays by Messrs. Allen and Strong, and readings by Mrs. Baldwin and others. Next week comes the mock court at the Cong. vestry, which will be prefaced by a reading by Miss Stearns, the talented young elocutionist of Springfield. Admission 10 cents.

No more convincing proof of the popularity of Prof. Wheeler's concerts could be had than a sight of the well-filled hall which greeted him Wednesday evening, although the weather without was dismal enough to have discouraged the concert as a whole all speak in favor of the concert.

Of the highest terms, and the universal desire for its repetition in a week or two will probably be granted. The opening piece, "Clayton's Grand March," for eight instruments, was finely conducted, and its repetition called for at the close. The piano playing of the Professor's pupils showed careful teaching, the solo of D. W. Northrop being especially applauded. The cornet playing of Prof. A. Liberaud of Boston was, however, one of the finest features of the evening, and he generously responded to repeated encores. Liberaud has an international reputation, having been recently arrived in America, and his selections were from productions of the most celebrated soloists. Miss Annie Peeney, who has been under the training of Mmes. Rudersdorf at Boston, evidenced a marked improvement in her already fine singing. Her younger sister Lizzie also sang with much credit. Mr. Colburn, as a clarinet soloist, was recalled, as were also Miss George Nelson and Dr. Stowe; Miss Belding and the quartette receiving their share of applause. The Simpson sisters of Westfield performed a fine selection from "Il Trovatore" on organ, piano and violin. Prof. Wheeler spares no pains or expense to make his concerts popular, and we are glad to see that the public so well appreciates his enterprise and managerial ability.

DISTRICT COURT. John Bevers, of South Wilbraham, was fined with costs \$7.85 on Monday for drunkenness. He couldn't raise the funds, and was committed.

On Tuesday, Edmund Connor paid \$9.60 for an assault on John Donahue.

Michael Griffin was before the court Wed-

nesday for keeping his saloon on South Main street open on the Sabbath, and was fined \$30 and costs, from which he appealed.

A STARTLING ADVENTURE.

Scene: A lay field in Palmer, under the full glare of the autumn sun. *Dramatis personae:* Jones, proprietor of the field, and Jack, his hired man. Both men are seen to be engaged in such labor as appertains to every well-regulated hay field in the season of the ingathering, when suddenly, as if a bolt from Jupiter had hurled it from his hands, Jones drops his scythe, and with the desperate energy begotten only of imminent and deadly peril, he grasps with both hands a place on the under side of one of his pantaloons legs, about equi-distant between the thigh and knee, and clings to it with the tenacity of a drowning man. He has felt the cold, clammy, crawly touch of a moving body inside of his trousers! and the unpleasant thought flashes upon his mind that a snake, a rat, or some other uncomfortable reptile is in disagreeable proximity to his person. But he now has the intruder in his deadly grip, and he calls lustily and frantically to Jack to come to his assistance. The hired man, warned by the alarmed tone of Jones's voice, runs with the fleetness of a deer, and is at his side in a moment. "Jack," says Jones, in a sadly solemn tone, "there is a snake or something up my leg, and I want you to run your hand up and take hold of its tail, and when I speak the word I'll let go, and you pull it out." Jack hesitates but an instant. Realizing that his employer's life is in imminent peril from the sting or bite of the reptile, and heroically resolving to save it even at the risk of his own, with a silent prayer he drops up his knees and thrusts his hand up the leg of Jones's breeches. "Have you got it?" asks Jones. "Yes," Jack replies, with trembling voice and blanched cheek. "Pull," shouts Jones; and, summoning all his strength, Jack gives one superhuman yank, and lands the dangerous visitor upon the ground, and both turn to see what it is, when—shades of Aesculapius! see what it is?—there, limp and lifeless lies before their eyes a porous plaster, which Jones had been using on a sore on his back, and which had rather slipped out of place. We charitably draw the curtain upon the subsequent scene, only adding, confidentially, that it has taken a good many "wettings" to keep the occurrence from becoming known at large among the people.

TOWN MEETING. The attendance at the town meeting on Monday was not quite as large as last year, when there was a good deal of a struggle over the license question. This year there were a number of candidates in the field for selectmen, and the vote resulted in the election of J. O. Hamilton of the old board, P. W. Webster, Esq., and Joseph Kerigan, Mr. Kerigan being the first Irishman ever elected to that position in this town. The vote for the several candidates was as follows:

J. O. Hamilton, 151; D. B. Bishop, 127; Joseph Kerigan, 153; David Knox, 61; P. W. Webster, 149; Merrick Whitney, 58; E. B. Hastings, 142; E. J. Hastings, 56; E. G. Munroe, 111; Geo. Moore, 1; Enos Calkins, 133; John M. Converse, 1.

The old board of assessors was re-elected, and the result of the ballot for school committee was as follows:

E. B. Gates, 210; Silas Ruggles, Jr., 34; D. B. Bishop, 153; A. R. Munroe, Jr., 28.

The taxes were bid off by Geo. W. Randall for \$125, but Geo. A. Northrop was elected collector, who had having been \$175. The appropriation for schools was cut down \$1000, but \$600 was added for contingent school expenses. The full list of officers and appropriations are given herewith:

Moderator.—S. S. Taft.

Town Clerk and Treasurer.—Jas. B. Shaw.

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.—J. O. Hamilton, P. W. Webster, Joseph Kerigan.

Assessors.—John Clough, David Knox, D. B. Bishop.

School Committee.—E. B. Gates.

Constables.—D. W. Palmer, H. A. Northrop, J. A. Palmer, J. M. Knox, A. J. Bixby, Henry Masser, Merrick Whitney, W. A. Hastings.

Highway Surveyor.—Chas. Sherman, Powell, J. D. Sawyer, Chas. Upham, J. H. Keith, Eugene Shoreley, Horace Smith, C. R. Shaw, Bradley Olney, Joseph Kerigan, M. Whitney, Abel Graves, Charles Hastings.

Field Drivers.—C. W. Johnson, Ethan Varriner, T. V. Kent, Dennis Mahony, J. H. Knox, George Sherman, C. D. Lewis, Chas. Grout, Asa Shumway.

Surveyors of Lumber.—M. Whitney, N. Howard, J. A. Palmer, T. Potter, D. M. Robbins, S. W. Smith, M. O'Connor.

Measures of Wood and Bark.—N. Howard, P. D. Packard, Joseph Kerigan, W. B. Bishop, Joseph Thompson, E. B. Munroe, D. B. Bishop, Daniel Crowley, John S. Holden.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.—John Clough.

Pound Keeper.—M. Shaw.

Tax Collector.—H. A. Northrop.

Appropriations.—Support of poor, \$2500; highway and bridge tax, \$200; contingencies, \$200; schools, \$8500; school-house repairs, \$600; contingent expenses for schools, \$600; Decoration Day, \$100; land for cemetery, \$500; interest, \$1325; to reduce town debt, \$500; discount on taxes, \$1000; total, \$23,025.

Voted, To allow a discount of 6 per cent. on all taxes paid on or before Aug. 20th.

The selectmen were constituted a committee to settle or defend the suit now pending against the town, and were authorized to purchase a piece of land to enlarge the cemetery at Three Rivers. The question of changing the time of holding the annual town meeting to the first Monday in April was passed over without action.

LEADLOW. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Miller celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage Tuesday evening, a special train taking out a number of friends from Springfield.

THREE RIVERS. The building committee of the Union Evangelical church advertise in another column for proposals for building their new chapel, which is to be 50 feet long by 32 wide.

BELCHERTOWN. The Reform club has elected its Vice President, Thomas Dewey, as President in place of Principal Mellen, who leaves town, and whose resignation was accepted with congratulations of regret. Mr. Mellen, by request, gave a public address in the town hall on Temperance.

BRIMFIELD. Some facetious person suggests the following ticket for town officers to be elected at the annual meeting April 24: moderator, S. W. Brown; clerk, H. F. Brown; selectmen, J. B. Brown, Dauphin Brown, Arthur Brown; overseers of the poor, H. F. Brown, J. F. Brown, J. B. Brown; school committee, J. Reed Brown; treasurer and collector, J. T. Brown; constables, C. O. Brown, G. B. Brown.

THORNDIKE. Bond, the tinner, puts another cart on the road April 1.

Henry Cross has removed his fruit and candy business to the store under Sovereigns' hall.

The Sovereigns listened to an interesting reading last Tuesday, and next Tuesday "The Last Leaf" will be repeated. Sovereigns can bring their families.

An unusually large number are moving this year. Strange that the head of the family should be so profane about moving time!

The hen fever prevails here to an alarming extent. A number of our usually modest neighbors have flocks that they are bragging about terribly.

WEST WARREN. The old folks' concert which came off in the Cong. church last (Friday) night, had about twenty participants.

A party of people anxious to improve the late sleighing, went to North Brookfield Monday evening, and had a splendid time.

Fortunately J. B. Lombard's accident last week was attended with no serious results, and he is now able to be about.

The Methodist society has raised \$1200 for the expenses of the coming year, commencing April 1st. They will soon purchase a new organ.

Landlord L. A. Blair, of the West Brookfield hotel, who is to remove here April 1st, had a farewell ball given in his honor by West Brookfield friends, Thursday evening.

William F. Wilson, of Ware, read in Crossman's hall Monday evening, as per programme. His efforts were well received by an exceedingly small audience. The Grand Army Post fund was increased about \$10 by the receipts at the door.

WILBRAHAM. Jupiter began this year's campaign by a few reports from the bolts, Wednesday.

While digging in the ground a few days ago, one of our farmers found some full-grown potato bugs.

Hereafter Geo. W. Ely's customers must pay cash. No more charging two cents' worth of candy, so the clerk thinks.

Westleyan academy commenced its Spring term Wednesday, with about fifty students. The students have not yet all arrived.

A small audience listened to the drama, "The Last Leaf," including a dialogue and music, Wednesday evening. On account of the storm the proceeds were only about \$14. The acting was certainly a success. At times the audience were affected to tears, and at times the actors were stopped by the applause of the audience. By request, the drama will be repeated on the eve of the 30th of this month.

Memorial church has voted unanimously to request the return of Rev. W. T. Perrin to their pastorate another year. At Saturday's quarterly conference these trustees were elected for the ensuing year: J. W. Bliss, N. Mowry, Alvin Chilson, E. B. Brewer, R. R. Wright, R. B. Graves, N. Fellows, J. M. Merrick. The stewards are: J. W. Bliss, O. Daggett, J. M. Merrick, E. B. Brewer, R. R. Wright, C. M. Parker, H. H. Burhank, W. H. Phillips.

MONSON. There is talk of a free public library in connection with the reading room.

The summer term of the academy begins Wednesday next. Edward P. Marsh, a graduate of Amherst college, class of '76, is engaged as assistant teacher, Herbert B. Perkins, the former assistant, having resigned. Mr. Marsh comes highly recommended.

The last of the Reading Room course of lectures occurs next Wednesday evening at Green's hall, by Rev. W. H. Murray, who gives his new lecture, "In Doors and Out." It is to be hoped that our Palmer friends will make up numbers enough to secure an extra train.

The will of the late Dea. A. W. Porter gives to the American board of foreign missions, \$3000; American home missionary society, \$5000; American Bible society, \$3000; Congregational Sabbath school and publishing society of Boston, \$2000; American board of commissioners for foreign missions for the work of evangelization in nominally Christian countries, \$2000; American education society, \$1000; American seamen's friend society, \$1000; Boston, \$1000; Mrs. Paulina Porter, \$1000; Rebecca W. Coop, Roger, Sarah and Hannah E. Porter, \$250 each; Minerva V. Van Deusen, Rebecca and Mercy Bostwick, \$1500 each; Charles H. Lyon, \$250; Elizabeth P. Church, \$500; to Rev. James Porter, \$800 in trust for his four children; David B. Kingsbury of Dudley, \$1500; Louisa B. and Jeremiah H. Pratt of Dudley, \$500; to Elizabeth H. Pratt of Dudley, \$500. The will directs that the wearing apparel of the testator shall be packed and sent away for the use of missionaries. Cyrus W. Holmes and Edward F. Morris of Monson are appointed executors, and are directed to sell the real estate of the deceased.

WARE AND VICINITY. The Beers place, owned by Charles W. Fletcher, was sold at auction Monday to Jeremy Moore for \$1275.

The overseers of the poor report that they helped 36 families, consisting of 114 persons, last year, who were away from the poor farm.

The crown gear of the cloth room wheel in the Otis Company's yard, broke, Wednesday, and necessarily caused some delay to the work.

All the village school black boards have received a coat of metallic slate, which decidedly improves the boards, and cost the town about \$100.

Winter lingered in the lap of Spring till the middle of the week, when the "January thaw" tore him from her embrace and sent him on his way North.

The school committee have chosen Rev. W. G. Tuttle chairman, C. S. Robinson, secretary, and J. W. Cummings treasurer; they have also decided to allow new teachers but six dollars a week.

We would call the attention of our citizens to the condition of our locks. We are told that one prisoner who was put there has twice released himself. If we are to have and use a lock-up, let us have it securely locked.

The high school begins the Spring term April 2d, and the length of the term will be thirteen weeks. The other schools in the village begin April 9th. Candidates for admission to the high school will be examined at the school room March 30th, at 9 1/2 A. M.

We learn that of the twenty school registers, but five were made out correctly this year, and yet all the teachers have received their pay, though the law says the teachers shall not be paid till the registers are made out correctly. Are our committee law-abiding?

The meetings of the Young Men's Christian Association, this week, have been well attended, and more than a score of inquirers have been brought out. The Revs. Brown, of Gilbertville, and Somers of Warren, were present at some of the meetings, and Messrs. Littlefield of Boston, Whitney of Springfield, and Whitney of Worcester, also. At the closing meeting Thursday evening, between three and four hundred were present, about one tenth of whom were seeking Christ.

Considerable comment has been made concerning a card from Noah Marland, which was published last week, and in justice to Rev. Mr. Cummings, to whom it alludes, we will state that we have been informed that he (Cummings) told Marland previous to the publication of the card that he did not make the official board of the church are unanimous in substantiating the statement of their pastor.

The school committee have selected the following teachers for the coming term: high school, W. W. McClench, principal, Miss E. N. Miner, assistant; grammar, Edward N. Anderson; South street intermediate, Sarah E. Harding; High street intermediate, Ella B. Snow; High street 2d primary, Mary A. B. Davis; South street 2d primary, Mary E.

Taylor; East street mixed school, Maria A. Phinney; East street primary, Helen A. Davis; South street primary, Abbie S. Snow; North street primaries, Ella M. Ross, Emma E. Crowell; district No. 2, Marietta E. Warren; No. 3, Marcia E. R. Lawton; No. 4, Carrie M. Howe; No. 5, Sarah P. Bassett; No. 6, Lottie A. Sandford; No. 7, Lizzie Buffington; No. 9, Lizzie S. Clary.

Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream with Mendelssohn's music, at Music Hall next Wednesday evening, will be the finest literary and musical entertainment of the season. Mrs. E. G. Baldwin, an elocutionist of ability, studied this play with Prof. Raymond of Boston, with particular reference to reading it with the music. Mrs. J. W. Crawford, the eminent pianist, is too well known in this vicinity to need any words of commendation. Her playing is marked by rare delicacy of touch, skill of technique and expression, and wonderful execution, and she is always listened to with delight wherever she plays. Mendelssohn's music needs no words of praise, and we only need to say that all who attend will be sure of an evening of rare enjoyment.

The school registers show that 889 scholars have attended school during the year, the average being 586.7. Of these, 55 are over fifteen years of age, and 4 under five. The salaries of the teachers last year amounted to \$5908.77, and the incidental expenses account was \$1065.31. Total expense chargeable to schools, \$7782.77. The number of pupils in the village was 700, last year, and in other districts 180. The largest school during the year was the East street primary, which had 71 scholars in the Spring term, and the smallest, district No. 8, in the Winter term, the only term of the year, with 4 scholars. It cost, for teacher alone, for these four scholars, one term, \$72, eighteen dollars apiece. Could not some cheaper way be devised to educate these few?

CHURCH TROUBLES, AND CHURCH DISMISSALS. Being pastor of the Methodist church in Ware, has not been a bed of roses for the past three years. All the pastors have experienced serious trouble in the management of the church, and have got away as soon as possible. It is charged that these troubles have been caused by a dozen or fifteen members who are not only Methodists but claim to be perfectionists, and who cannot tolerate a preacher or brother who does not come up to their professional standard. These parties are mostly English, and have often made the evening-meetings anything but religious by their reflections on others. Rev. Mr. Cummings, the pastor, has received letters of abuse, to which have been added ludicrous and obscene valentines. Five of these perfectionists have been expelled from the church, for non-attendance, and they have set up a church of their own, with a tin pulpit, and one Thomas Kennedy furnishes the preaching. It is a matter of general regret that the peace of Zion has been so greatly disturbed, but now that the perfectionists are separating from "imperfectonists," it is hoped that joy and peace will prevail.

Fast Day April 12th. Eggs sell at Bangor for 13 cents per dozen.

Dr. Mary Walker wears a black velvet suit.

Congressman Garfield used to be a preacher.

San Francisco has strawberries at fifty cents per pound.

Five New York bankers committed suicide last year.

Mrs. Hayes says "My dear" to him even in public.

The Sultan rides a white horse with a gold saddle.

Victoria refuses to permit high-necked dresses to be worn at court.

The public debt was last month reduced \$2,070,429.6

The Journal.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 1877.

The Indian business in the far west promises to be lively this Spring. Our soldiers are getting ready to hunt them vigorously, and Spotted Tail is trying to have all the tribes enter upon peace negotiations. Crazy Horse and other outlandish-named Indians don't care much about a peace in Summer time, when they can easily get a living.

The commission to visit Louisiana and see what can be done to settle the gubernatorial question there, is composed of Judge Charles B. Lawrence of Illinois, ex-Gov. J. C. Brown of Tennessee, Gen. Joseph R. Hawley of Connecticut, Gen. John M. Harlan of Kentucky, Wayne McVeigh of Pennsylvania. They have a very unenviable job before them.

Those who expected a rapid return to business prosperity as soon as the Presidential question was settled begin to despair. The times do not recover healthfulness as fast as impatient sellers and buyers desire. Nobody can leap at once into prosperity. The wheels of business are moving slowly, but surely, and the times are growing better. The manufacturers of New England are all getting into motion, and they must have employees. With the wheels of industry moving the times will grow better, but it is folly to expect that kind of bubble prosperity brought about by the war. It was that which ruined so many, and makes business so languid now.

WADE HAMPTON came on to Washington this week on invitation of the President. He had with him a few kindred spirits, and on the way they took occasion at various places to display themselves in South Carolina style. One of his companions is M. C. Butler, made notorious by the part he took in the Hamburg massacre. Hampton must disgust all decent people by the speeches he made on his way to Washington, and we cannot believe that President Hayes will be much pleased with the blustering South Carolinian. His rival, Governor Chamberlain, has discussed the situation with the President in a gentlemanly way, and if fairness and gentlemanly conduct count for anything he must have favorably impressed the President. Hampton called on the President Thursday, and stated his case. He professes to have been pleased with the talk of the President, and expects the troops will be withdrawn from his State very soon.

SOME of President Hayes's friends have been promising for him more than they had any reason to expect. They had pledged some of the Southern Democrats that Hayes would withdraw the troops from the South immediately after his inauguration, but it seems the President made no such promises to any one nor clearly stated it in his inaugural. It excites some curiosity to know why the Southerners are so anxious that troops should be withdrawn from South Carolina and Louisiana. If the people there behave themselves the troops will not trouble them, and they might as well be there as in Massachusetts. Nobody here would object to them, neither would there be any complaint if they were located in any Northern State, and if our South Carolina and Louisiana neighbors intended to be peaceable we cannot see what harm the soldiers can do them. It is well to be a little suspicious of the request to withdraw the troops.

Still Unsettled. President Hayes is beginning to realize that his pathway for the next four years will not always be strewn with flowers. Already he must feel that settling the difficulties at the South is not a very easy thing. The democracy of South Carolina and Louisiana no sooner discover that he is not going to withdraw U. S. troops placed there for the protection of the legally elected governments and the colored race, than they turn savagely upon him and denounce him as fiercely as they did his predecessor. They make it almost certain that if the government of those States is not sustained by U. S. troops there will be an end to the rights of the colored population very soon. A very large majority of the voters are colored Republicans, but one year of the reign of Hampton and Nicholls will put them forever under foot of their democratic masters. President Hayes is moving slowly in his Southern policy. He will undoubtedly find that the butted words of his Southern friends will last no longer than their prospect of accession to power. When Hayes hesitates they grow rebellious and defiant, and if he were to accede to their request there would be a lively hustling of Union men from South Carolina, where the old rebellious spirit is not quenched. The idea of another commission to go South is simply folly. It will throw no light on the subject, and bring about no settlement. This matter had better be met squarely and fairly, and without any mincing of words. If President Hayes and his cabinet have reason to believe that Hampton and Nicholls are the legally elected Governors of South Carolina and Louisiana, they had better support them at once. If otherwise it is the duty of the Government to sustain Chamberlain and Packard and end a struggle which is demoralizing and impoverishing those States. President Hayes knew before he took his seat that this question must be decided by him, and the sooner the better.

John W. Phelps of Springfield, who left his wife and business some time ago to run away with another woman, has been heard from at Paris, where he reports himself traveling for his health, with the intention of returning after a tour in Italy.

Albert Brown, cashier of the National Bank of Springfield, Vt., has gone into bankruptcy. He foolishly dabbled in stocks; his speculations proved bad; stocks went down and he went up. The bank, however, is safe.

THE LEGISLATURE.

From our own Correspondent.

Boston, Mar. 27.

The House, having indulged in a little holiday excursion to the Hoosac Tunnel, feels more or less rejuvenated thereby, and appear to take hold of the last quarter of the session with renewed energy. Perhaps it is only the "last half" as some of the committees are being ordered to do their work over again, and make fuller and more comprehensive reports upon the matters entrusted to them, so that if much of this sort of thing is going to be done the session is very likely to be prolonged. The action of the charitable committee in holding secret sessions over the Westboro troubles was generally condemned at the time, for the spectacle of a public legislative committee holding secret inquiries upon any public matter whatever, may be set down at once as an unheard of in legislative annals, and shows upon its face a decidedly mistaken appreciation of one's public duties. But there is occasionally a man who gets into a public office who is unable to transact any of the public's business without adopting the "Star Chamber" system, and great care is taken not only to shut the door, but to lock it also, and place a handkerchief over the keyhole.

The charitable committee is unfortunate in many respects. It has, in its legislative career, assumed that character that experienced legislators avoid it and decline to serve as a member thereof. It has become such a tribunal for hearing all the little petty quarrels between authorities of different departments, and for the adjudication of family quarrels at the different institutions, that such good men as the Senator from the Pittsfield district decline to serve at its head, no matter if previous service upon the committee places them by legislative courtesy in that responsible and trying position. And then again it is so bulky that it is almost impossible to get a unanimous report upon any matter of special importance, and the only instance which has occurred of this kind was the matter of the Tewksbury barn, and that, in defiance of the unanimous report of the committee, the Senate refused to pass—which latter is a significant commentary upon the influence of the Senate branch of the committee in their own chamber, upon their own committee matters.

The Westboro hearing was re-opened to-day, was held in the green room, and was open to the public, as should have been the case in the first place. The testimony to-day was general in character, and was mainly given by Dr. Harvey, one of the trustees. An examination of the present character of the inmates, need of classification and topics of a like nature were touched upon, and in the opinion of Dr. Harvey the present superintendent, Col. Shepard, is a "bully boy," and ought to be sustained, as the witness' testimony upon this point was more fulsome than otherwise. It would have seemed a pertinent inquiry at the time, if the trustees have such a high opinion of the superintendent, why have they not manifested it in their official relations toward that official, and not so conducted themselves in many instances as to completely ignore the head of the institution, as they have a tendency to show. There seems to be one thing in connection with the matter of labor—which was indirectly touched upon to-day—which shows decided want of foresight on the part of the trustees or somebody else, and which deserves attention and rectification if everything else should be "whitewashed." It seems it is the policy of the institution to keep these great, full-grown boys occupied from morning till night in the perfunctory occupation of seating chairs, work which they give to the babes and "two-year-olds" in the vicinity of the chair-shops, and we think any similar member of the Commonwealth would feel like "raising the old Harry generally" if they were obliged to amuse themselves with such childish occupation from one week's end to the other—and all for four cents a chair. Plainly it is the duty of some one to introduce a more remunerative and beneficial industry at Westboro, and we should think talent enough might be found in a board of seven trustees to afford some better employment for the boys, and some more profitable industry to the State.

The cause of Woman Suffrage received a temporary triumph in the Senate on Monday, the bill passed that body during a "thin house," and there is great rejoicing in Park street—not over the prospective enactment of the measure, but because of the fact that one branch of the Massachusetts Legislature has at last recorded itself in favor of female suffrage, which Mr. Blackwell and his friends think is "joy enough for one day."

The Tunnel committee has secured until April 2d to make their report, and as the State proposes a little trip of their own to the Tunnel and places beyond as far as the lakes, it is probable that no decisive action will be taken until after that excursion is over with. Nothing serious yet from the judiciary committee and their judicial system, so that three principal topics of legislation—the Tunnel, the State charitable system, and the State judicial system, are still held in abeyance. It is likely, however, that a commission for the charitable business will be recommended, and this "elephant" will be provided for until the next session.

The friends of Representative Sessions will regret to learn that he is quite seriously ill at his lodgings, 17 Mount Vernon street. His disease is pneumonia, which is quite prevalent here at this time, and in many instances has proved fatal. The member from the Second Hampden District has, by his quiet and unostentatious deportment, won the respect of his associates, and has also proved a valuable and working legislator. That he may recover from his present precarious situation, is the earnest wish of not only his fellow-members, but all those with whom he has come in contact during his sojourn in Boston.

CRIMINAL ITEMS.—Andrew Champlain, a young married man living at Skinner's Eddy, N. Y., shot his wife and then himself one day last week, because she threatened to leave him on account of his not securing employment. A man in New York quarreled with his wife Sunday night, and rubbed vitriol into her face so she will probably die. A German, asleep in a brewery at Hoboken, N. J., the other night, was covered with kerosene and set on fire by some unknown fiend. He died in great agony. A drunken monster named Kimball of Dalton, N. H., beat his wife to death Monday night.

The Connecticut legislature has passed a bill giving married women the same property rights which they held before marriage, but prohibiting husband and wife conveying property to each other.

Miss Susie E. Wheeler, graduate of the Westfield Normal School, has been appointed superintendent of schools at Salem, N. H.

Ebenezer Dunbar of Greenville, in the town of Leicester, celebrated his one hundredth birthday Thursday.

LOCAL BUSINESS NOTICES.

Rubber boots and shoes repaired at Eager's. Persons indebted to the Gamwell water works for water rent will please be prepared to make prompt payment to the collector on Monday.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

March is growing rather lionish at the last. There was a cock fight on South Main St. the other day.

Yesterday was Good Friday, and to-morrow will be Easter Sunday.

The hat shop is running day and night, turning out 1000 to 1500 dozen hats a day.

The rains have settled the ground finely, and the roads are now in a very travelable condition.

The weather was not propitious, and no extra train was run to Monson Wednesday night for Murray's lecture.

Fred Hastings has bought out the harness shop of A. W. Wilder in Squier's block, and will continue the business.

A tiny bunch of fragrant arbutus blossoms has found its way into our sanctum from the hands of Susan L. Smith.

J. F. Holbrook now delivers coal with a fine new span of horses recently purchased in Buffalo, and weighing 2500 pounds.

F. B. Perkins has removed his sewing machine rooms to Nassawanno block, where he occupies a portion of Wood's crockery store.

Nobody complains for want of water now. Our village has been fortunate in this respect, the supply being ample throughout the Winter.

Rev. C. H. Eaton will preach for St. Paul's parish in Wales Hall to-morrow a. m. An Easter concert piece will be given in the evening.

Trains on the New London Northern railroad run regularly as far south as Stafford Springs, and are doing a good business carrying sight-seers.

Division No. 1, A. O. H., give their fourth semi-annual grand ball at Wales Hall next week Friday evening, April 6th, with a supper at the Nassawanno House.

Old Sol made his appearance on Thursday for the first time this week, but retired speedily behind the clouds again when he found how gloomy things were looking down here.

It is said that competition is the life of trade, and the aphorism received a fresh illustration this week, when paper collars went down from thirty cents to five cents a box at some of our stores.

Mrs. E. G. Baldwin will read Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream, with music by Mrs. Crawford, at Fisk Hall, Wilbraham, next Wednesday evening, provided the hall is not previously engaged.

"Aunt Polly Bassett" has a remarkably outgoing family, and her "singing school" Wednesday evening was an excellent test of their musical powers. "Jedediah" was all he advertised to be, and in character sketches and impersonations was inimitable.

The following scholars in the village schools have been neither absent nor tardy during the last fifteen weeks: intermediate department, Caleb Lawrence, Lena Brown, Helen Robinson, Kate Sanderson; primary department, Willie Breckenridge, Julia Allen, Mary Ann Grady.

Rev. E. A. Goddard closed his acting-pastorate at the Baptist church last Sabbath, and in the evening administered the ordinance of baptism to six persons. There will be no preaching at this church to-morrow, the expected supply not being able to come; Sunday school and prayer meeting as usual.

Howard E. Erb, who learned the barber's trade in Henry Jones's shop in this village, is well known hereabouts, died very suddenly at Springfield last Thursday, while lying upon a lounge at home reading a newspaper. He had a barber's shop in Gilmore's block, Springfield.

In another column we give the full programme of Prof. Wheeler's second concert, he given next Tuesday evening, at Wales Hall. Prof. Liberati and all the former favorites are to again appear, and several new singers have been added. The programme is a rich one, and the hall will be filled. Tickets on sale Monday at Allen & Cowan's.

At its last meeting, the Excelsior club, after an exciting session, chose the following officers for the ensuing quarter: president, Willie Deedy; first vice pres., Everett Sedgwick; second vice pres., Willie Grice; sec., Charles Grice; treas., Henry Slater; directors, W. H. Stowe, C. B. Fisk, Frank Sedgwick, B. M. Fullerton, Calvin Johnson, M. W. French.

The Palmer National Bank will pay a dividend of 14 per cent. the 15th of April. During the first year of its existence the bank has paid 54 per cent. in dividends and taxes, reduced its premium account \$1450, carried \$1150 to surplus account and has a balance of \$500 left over in its profit and loss account, which, considering the amount of capital invested and the hard times, is a pretty good showing.

Attention is called to the advertisement in another column of Sheppard's Jubilee Singers. Mr. Sheppard was formerly one of Gen. R. E. Lee's slaves, and all the company were formerly in slavery. Their programme will be selected from about 100 of the popular slave songs of the day. The New York Herald says of them, "Everybody should hear these—men, women and children," and the Tribune says, "We can promise all who attend much real enjoyment."

A subscriber informs us that persons on several of the highways outside of the village have been cutting down shade trees standing by the side of the road, in ignorance, doubtless, of the law on that subject; and for their benefit, as well as for the benefit of the weary travelers who would appreciate in a summer day the welcome shade afforded by these trees, we would state that anybody is liable to a fine of from \$5 to \$100 for cutting down or injuring such a tree. "Woodman, spare that tree."

Willard C. Hitchcock, who has been mail agent on the Ware River railroad since the establishment of that route, has been called up higher, and on Monday will enter upon similar service on the Boston and Albany road. For the present Mr. Hitchcock will remain at Springfield and Boston, leaving Springfield on the 6.20 a. m. express and returning on the afternoon express; but he expects eventually to run between Boston and Albany, making one trip a day. C. W. Clapp, of the Boston and Albany line, takes the Ware River road position.

We understand that fully two-thirds of the liquor saloons in town are connected with tenements occupied by the persons who run the saloons. Consequently Sunday "visitors" are numerous, and as it is a hard matter to prove them other than company, it is next to impossible to convict of illegal selling, when there is little question that it is often done. Our settlement will probably soon be called upon to

grant licenses for the ensuing year, and we would suggest that if it is to be done at all, licenses be granted only in cases where the saloon is entirely separate from tenements and lodging rooms.

E. E. Upham came to Palmer way from Texas, and celebrated his arrival by getting somewhat "tossicated," whereupon he was haled before the magistrate, who kindly allowed him to deposit \$7.65 of his surplus funds toward the support of our judicial system. He paid up like a man (this was Wednesday) and was so pleased with the quality of justice and liquor dispensed in this borough that he "dipped in" again, and was soon drunk as ever. On Thursday he was again brought before the judge, who increased his fine \$1. That was a little too much; he acknowledged his guilt, but couldn't pay, and so he was sent up to board it out.

About fifty of the friends and acquaintances of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jones, of the carpet mill in this village, called upon them, by invitation, last Sunday, the event being the 50th anniversary of Mr. Jones's birthday and the christening of his little child, the youngest of seventeen, only five of whom are living. After the ceremony the party partook of an excellent dinner, prepared as Mrs. Jones so well knows how, everything being furnished to satisfy the wants of the inner man. The guests remained until late in the evening, and "Uncle" Jones used every effort to make their stay agreeable. We heartily wish him many "happy returns" of the occasion.

Miss Marion H. Sterns, the young lady reader of Springfield, gave a pleasant rendition of "Roger and I," "Independence Bell" and a humorous sketch, Thursday evening. Miss Sterns has a full, rich voice, and an easy assurance which with her youth and beauty completely captivated her large audience. The moot court which followed, was entertaining, although some of the best witnesses were held until the adjourned session of the court, Friday evening. The case was tried before "a full bench" (the judicial gravity being at least 500 pounds avoirdupois) composed of Supreme Judges Wakefield, Dimock and Saunders. The parties to the suit were Mrs. S. M. Smith and "ex-policeman" John S. Holden.

DEATH OF C. C. SHAW.

Chauncey C. Shaw, one of the early settlers of this village, died quite suddenly and unexpectedly on Friday afternoon last week. He had been ill for some weeks, but was thought to be recovering. Mr. Shaw came to Palmer from Stafford, Ct., in 1843, and established a machine shop where the old of the Nassawanno House now stands. It was run in connection with the iron foundry of J. A. Squier. The enterprise was not as successful as was hoped, and he subsequently opened a grocery store, and still later a clothing store, and continued the latter till the time of his death. His funeral was largely attended at Wales Hall last Monday afternoon.

BONDVILLE.

At the Methodist church last Sunday one person was baptized, five received into full membership, and three received by letter, all but one of these being connected with the new class at Ware.

LUDLOW.

The Methodists gave their pastor, Rev. N. H. Martin, a donation visit the other evening. Measles still prevail, and in many cases are followed by sharp attacks of pneumonia. Union meetings have been held in the different churches three days this week, and the interest still continues.

BELCHERTOWN.

The Baptist society had a "bundle party" recently, which made lots of fun. In the Pendleton place, a little north of the Belcher house, has been sold to Dr. W. P. Robinson.

The band gave an entertainment Wednesday evening at the town hall, with Mother Goose and her flock, tableaux, etc. The young people of the Methodist society have been playing "Ten Nights in a Bar Room" to appreciative audiences.

WARREN.

The annual State Universalist Conference will be held at Warren next week, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Congregational society has appropriated \$3000 for the expenses of the current year, and elected these officers: clerk, Geo. M. Newton; treasurer, J. E. Hitchcock; prudential committee, S. E. Blair, J. W. Chadsey, W. H. Shepard. The society will unite with the church in calling a council to act upon Rev. S. J. Austin's resignation.

WILBRAHAM.

The Memorial church has its old quartet back.

The wells, so long dry, are well supplied, as well as some cellars.

Nelson Mowry has purchased a farm of 70 acres over the mountain.

The drama, "The Last Leaf," was repeated last (Friday) evening, and some people at Collins Depot want to have it repeated there. Two men entered the house of E. C. Colton last Tuesday night and stole \$13. Mr. Colton heard a noise, and thinking it was his daughter, spoke, and the men answered. He got up and they left the house. He could not get near enough to see who they were.

BRIMFIELD.

The freshest washed away the Center mill dam on Wednesday.

Mrs. Dr. Knight is going to the Sandwich islands with her son-in-law, Rev. Dr. Hyde, and has sold her homestead to Jonathan P. Webber.

The warrant for town meeting next Monday is three feet long and contains 90 articles. The selectmen spent \$8772 last year, exceeding the appropriations by \$872. The expenses were as follows: schools and school houses, \$2164; highways and bridges, \$2197; paupers, \$1229; discount on taxes, \$255; salaries, \$392; miscellaneous, \$433. The chief excesses of appropriations were of \$264 for schools and \$229 for paupers. The town has funds of \$4044 in excess of its liabilities.

SOUTH WILBRAHAM.

F. A. West, in attempting to separate two large dogs who were having a fight in Allen's store yard this week, got his hand bitten considerably. It has been and is now badly swollen. John Murphy also had a son bitten by a dog, not mad; but the feeling is strong against the dog tribe.

There had been no death in this parish since the 25th of October until the 21st inst., when Morris C. Pease died; on the 23d Mrs. Jane Miller, and on the 25th Lewis Spaulding and Deacon Jacob Leonard also died, making four deaths in five days. Mr. Spaulding has been the faithful watchman at the Lawrence factory for some fifteen years, and until his last sickness has probably not been absent one night in a year on an average. Dea. Leonard has been sick for a long time, and for more than a year confined to his bed, and much of the time his mind has been impaired. He has been built more mill dam than almost any individual around.

Most of the dams in Stafford were built by him. His last was the rebuilding of the dam at the Ravine mill in this place after it had been swept away by the big flood some six years since. Mr. Leonard was a Baptist by profession, a devoted Christian, a rigid temperance man, and, like St. Paul, "has fought

the good fight, has finished his course and kept the faith."

THREE RIVERS.

No preaching at the Baptist church on Sunday.

In the intermediate school, Alva Davis, Peter McLeod and May Brown were neither tardy or absent during the past term.

A daily paper having stated that Dr. Ruggles would remove in June to Linville, N. C., the doctor asks for a bill of particulars, so he can have his trunk packed, this being the first he knew of his proposed change of base.

In the primary school in this village Minnie Jenks and Nellie Twiss have not been absent or tardy for fifteen weeks; Joseph Gaddu, John Foley and Julia Shea were absent only one day; and Julia Shea for 15, Joseph Gaddu for 14 and Cyrus Stinson for 10 headmarks have received prizes. Nellie Twiss has been absent only two days during the year.

Rev. J. W. Holman closes his labors with the Baptist church with this week, preaching last Sabbath for the last time. The church have passed resolutions in which they speak highly of Mr. Holman's faithful labors among them, and regret the surrender of the bond that has united them for the past two years, and resolve that "we will endeavor to remember all the wise counsel given, the many rich and blessed promises which have fallen from his lips, as we have had the privilege from time to time to hear through him out of God's word; and that wherever God may call him, we will follow him with our prayers, and hope that God our Heavenly Father will abundantly reward him."

MONSON.

Town meeting on Monday.

Rev. Mr. Adams closes his labors with the M. E. church to-morrow.

The summer term of the academy commenced last Wednesday with a full average attendance.

Rev. Mr. Murray delivered the last of the reading room course of lectures last Wednesday evening, to a crowded house.

Every lively team was used on Tuesday by visitors to the Stafford disaster, and the afternoon train took a majority of our citizens to see the ruins.

The annual town reports may now be had at the town clerk's and at Fowler's store, and it is a good idea having them in advance of the town meeting.

Sheppard's Jubilee Singers are booked for Green's Hall Tuesday evening, April 3d. In the vicinity of Hartford, where they are well known, they are highly spoken of.

The pews in the Cong. church were rented last Wednesday, and although the bidding for premiums was not as lively as last year, yet the aggregate amount rented was about the average.

The recent rains have not damaged the highways to any considerable extent, and the roads through the town have not been in quite a condition at this season of the year for some time.

State Detective K. B. Webster arrested Edward Squier on Thursday, for having 5 or 6 trout in his possession, contrary to law. The Springfield Rod and Gun club are looking after violators of this kind. Squier was brought before the District Court at Palmer Friday, and fined \$10 and costs, which he paid.

The Cong. society has re-elected its old officers, as follows: C. H. Merrick, C. W. Holmes, Jr., Timothy F. Packard, parish clerk; C. H. McMaster, clerk; and J. M. Chittipe, treasurer. The treasurer's report shows only \$9 indebtedness in last year's pews. The annual appropriations were deferred to April 9, when the committee to estimate the cost of repairing the spire and church will also report. The old organist and leader will probably be retained.

The selectmen's report shows that the town debt has been reduced \$4126 leaving it now at \$9063. It has cost \$258 to break roads the past winter. The school committee have exceeded their appropriation about \$265. The committee are making a very long and elaborate report, costing as much, if not more than all the other reports combined, and the impression is gaining ground that it would be better to have the committee of twelve make smaller and the reports shorter. The warrant has 25 articles, one of which is to see if the town will instruct the selectmen not to license any billiard tables; and another to instruct the selectmen not to license the sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

WARE AND VICINITY.

The Oregon engine company have had their constitution and by-laws printed.

The golden wedding of Baxter Gilbert was celebrated on Wednesday evening.

The high school begins Monday, and the rest of the village schools in a week.

Oregon engine company No. 3, hold their regular meeting next Wednesday evening.

The pews of the East Cong. church will be rented this (Saturday) afternoon at 2 o'clock.

About \$90 have been subscribed for new books for the East Cong. Sunday school library.

J. Tyler Stevens has moved his household furniture to Lowell, preparatory to making a permanent residence there.

The Ladies' Benevolent and the Young Ladies' Charitable societies met Wednesday evening with Mrs. W. S. Hyde.

Cheever & Blair advertise a lot of horses, oxen, carts, tools, etc., to be sold at auction April 4th, A. F. Richardson auctioneer.

The high water has caused no damage hereabouts, except such as is common in the Spring; indeed it was not as high as it has often been.

A report has been circulated some that the Ware Savings bank was a loser on account of the disaster at Stafford, Ct., but the report is not correct.

Frank Kane had some boys before Justice Richards, Tuesday, for putting his boat over the dam, but was unable to convict them, and they went free.

The directors of the National bank held their semi-annual meeting last Saturday, and declared a semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent., payable April 2d.

Rev. Mr. Woodworth, of Boston, preached at the Cong. church last Sunday, all day. In the morning he presented the claims of the American missionary society.

Owing to various reasons, the reading by Mrs. E. G. Baldwin, Wednesday evening, was not very well attended. The reading, however, was very fine and worthy a full house, while the music was an excellent accompaniment.

Steele & Turner, the Westfield organ builders, are building a new \$1500 organ, for St. William's (Catholic) church, and it is expected to be set up and ready for use by April 15th. The company allow \$400 for the old organ, which is taken in part payment.

The annual parish meeting of the East Cong. church was held last Friday afternoon, and elected the following officers: clerk, G. K. Cutler; treasurer, Ois Laue; parish committee, J. H. Storrs, C. E. Blood, Calvin Hitchcock. The total expenses of the parish the past year were \$2840.46; \$113.83 less

than the year before. The collections last year were \$2573.75; less than for the year before by \$367.58. The debt of the parish is 88 cents, and the minister's quarterly salary, \$500, which is due April 1st.

The town held a special meeting last Tuesday and again decided to keep the school committee board at six. Benjamin Bond was elected overseer of the poor, and John Connor constable, to fill vacancies in those boards.

The chairman of each of the boards of selectmen, overseers of poor, and school committee, and the treasurer, were appointed a committee to revise the by-laws and report at a future meeting; the selectmen, overseers of poor, and treasurer, were made a committee to investigate the condition and accommodations of the poor farm, with reference to enlarging the present building or buying a new farm, and report at a subsequent meeting; the selectmen, assessors and treasurer were appointed to settle with Hon. Chas. A. Stevens, and they held an interview with him later in the afternoon, and agreed to make an abatement of \$250 in his taxes, and he accepted, and withdraws his suit against the town.

ANOTHER SHAM RESERVOIR!

The Stafford, Ct., Reservoir Breaks Loose!—Another Mill River Flood!—A portion of Stafford Springs Inundated and Washed Away!—Great Destruction of Property, and Two Lives Lost!

The dam of the Stafford Reservoir Company, located in the northeastern part of Stafford, gave way Tuesday morning, and the accumulated waters rushed down the valley, carrying destruction and desolation in their course, and in a few short hours had washed away property to the value of about three hundred thousand dollars. Fortunately ample warning was given, and only two lives are known to have been lost.

The reservoir covers 300 acres, with an average depth of ten feet. There had been a reservoir at this point for many years, but last fall a new dam was built 40 feet in front of the old one and six feet higher, the space between the two being filled in with earth. The dam was of granite, supported by earthen walls, and was 150 feet long, 18 feet high and three feet wide at the top. It is said that the wings of the dam were filled in with frozen earth, and people have prophesied danger in this direction, and it is intimated that the owners themselves were afraid of it, and had not filled the reservoir full on this account. But the late heavy rains caused the reservoir to fill rapidly, beyond the capacity of the waste gate to discharge, and a leak was discovered in one of the wings Monday evening. Fruitless efforts were made to stop it, and at 6.45 a. m. Tuesday an entire wing went out.

Between the reservoir and Stafford Springs, a distance of some four or five miles, eight dams were carried away, but the mills, though somewhat damaged, were fortunately far enough from the stream to escape destruction. The water reached Stafford Springs 55 minutes after it started, a wall 20 feet high, and here the greatest damage was done, the Congregational church, the bank building, town and engine house, freight depot, and a dozen other buildings completely demolished. The church was thought to be beyond danger, and many goods had been placed in it for safety, but it was lifted bodily by the water, and then toppled to pieces. The bank vault was entirely demolished; the books had been removed the night before, but the chronometer lock prevented the removal of the articles in the safe. The New London Northern railroad suffered largely. One empty and fifteen loaded freight cars were swept off, a half mile of track below the depot destroyed, four bridges ruined, and the track washed in many places. It will be several days before through traffic can be resumed.

It is estimated that the town, already deeply in debt, will lose in roads and bridges about \$50,000, while the total loss in Stafford will reach \$300,000 or more, besides throwing about 750 mill hands temporarily out of employment. Richard Speding, an Englishman, and Wm. Burwell, a machinist, were last seen on the church steps, and were swept away in the flood.

Short Items.

Frogs have been heard to peep in the ponds. Now begin to think of spring and the potato bugs.

Fashionable parasols will be trimmed with narrow ribbon next summer.

Farmers should get up their summer wood now and drink up their pleasant cider.

Town meetings are nearly through for this year, and ambitious spirits for highway surveys and titling men must wait another year.

Freshets have been in order the past week, and in some places they have overdone the thing.

LETTER FROM SPRINGFIELD.

SPRINGFIELD, Mar. 23, 1877.

Truly the past week has been Winter "lingering in the lap of spring," and the going akin to some of Gustave Dore's illustrations—horrible—and yet the people of Longmeadow are already making preparations for the annual, much talked of May breakfast. We can hardly see the fragrance of the arbutus so far off, but the welcome carol of the birds will awaken afresh our enthusiasm, and we too shall be anticipating the coming of the violets and dandelions, with all the eagerness of a lover who flies to the side of the one who reigns mistress of his heart, for the flowers are the Summer's loveliest greeting. Our amusements have been of a varied and entertaining character recently. The "Midgits" have drawn great numbers of people, to watch their curious antics. It seems almost incredible that so small a bit of humanity as this child Lucia Larate can be anything but a mechanical doll. The bracelets on her little arms would not go on to the small finger of a man. She had on a pink silk dress with court train and garnet velvet trimmings, a black lace sash, and gold necklace, earrings and finger-rings. Her face is a curious study. She certainly has a temper of her own, and likes her individual way immensely. "Gen. Mite" is a dainty morsel of a midgits sure enough, with a shrill, piping little voice, in accordance with his size. He is an interesting specimen, and it is curious enough to see their ways of amusing themselves. He wears a full dress suit, and beside him Admiral Dot is a small giant in comparison. These little people have no sick days, and seem to like the exciting life they lead. Over 2000 persons visited them in one day while here.

We are to be favored with "Aunt Polly Bassett's singin' skew," which has been well and deservedly patronized in other towns. They give four entertainments in Sovereign's Hall, beginning April 5th. This hall has been well engaged all winter for all sorts of entertainments, from Jas. T. Field's lectures to the Sovereign dances and socials, at fifteen cents a ticket. It is large and pleasant, and a popular place for amusements to be held. Lincoln Hall held a masquerade ball the other evening, which was largely attended. Mexicans, Knights of Malta, Odd Fellows and dukes jostled against Folly, Peasants, Swedes, spinsters and bewitching ballet girls, with a joyous freedom wholly unknown at an un-masqued party, where social etiquette reigns supreme. One of our F. V. doctors down town (who it is said did not unmask) calls it the most enjoyable affair of the season. He said he had heaps of fun, and went home unknown, as he came. P'raps so, but the girl with the blonde wig, Gretchen, thinks she knows what M. D. was her vis-a-vis in the Lancers.

Miss Weatherby, a new aspirant for fame, has just made her musical debut at Carter's Music Room. She acquitted herself in a manner entirely praiseworthy, and with the graceful sentiment of a refined artist. Winkler's hall was the scene of a musical demonstration last Tuesday evening, a children's masquerade, which afforded much gratification to the lookers-on. There was every variety of costume, and the little lords and ladies entered into the spirit of the thing with unusual vivacity and pleasure. The Shakespeare Club, which has held its meetings at Mrs. Dr. Owens's through the winter, had a varied and delightful last entertainment at her pleasant home on Union St., last week. The members were all under eighteen, and the meetings have been both instructive and profitable, and created a taste for better reading than the usual sensational novel. Among the youth of our city, the average call at the libraries is for Mrs. Southworth's style of romances, and the most highly wrought fiction is the popular one, but they are not the class of works from which we rise refreshed, and to-day. It is a laudable work to improve the taste for reading, so that one can discern the good from the bad, and learn to discriminate wisely in their choice of such pleasant friends.

Rev. Mr. Sweetser, of the Universalist church, preached his farewell sermon on Sunday, although he has not refrained from giving now and then snatches of the true inwardness of his feelings, ever since his resignation. At this church the choir becomes, this year, a volunteer one, instead of the usually paid quartet.

One of the notable themes of the hour, has been the rare chance of viewing some new and valuable pictures, put on exhibition by James D. Gill, the largest one shown in the vacant room of the new bank building, nearly opposite Court Square. It is "The Baptism of Christ," painted by E. Goodwyn Lewis of London, containing upward of 300 figures. It is the property of an English gentleman, and valued at \$30,000. An etching of it, finely executed, is also to be seen with the painting, and a steel engraving is being made from it, copies of which can be had only by subscription. It was exhibited at the request of the famous preacher, Spurgeon, and other influential Baptist brothers, and is well worth viewing. Mr. Lewis was seven years in re-producing upon canvas this historical subject. The representation of the Jordan valley is said to be extremely correct. The principal interest of the picture centers in the two figures in the stream. The countenance of the Savior, as he raises his eyes to heaven, is indeed a wonderful inspiration, and seems a face almost divine, while John's expression is that of wonder and awe, at the far away, rapid look of the Savior, whom he is baptizing. All the accessories are faithfully and impressively depicted, and the whole landscape effect warrants your warm interest and admiration of this fine Holy Land scene.

Among the interesting public questions recently discussed by friends and foes of the movement, is the reduction of teachers' salaries, and a feeling of dissatisfaction is very generally expressed. It is to be regretted that economy should not be practiced in some other directions, with better results, for teaching is a wearing work, and the restless youth of the present day do not act as a tonic upon the constitution and nerves of those who help up the first easy steps of the ladder of knowledge. Next week comes Easter, and then for the lovely Spring costumes our dainty sisters will appear in. Of course something rich and recherche will be seen.

FIRE.—The village of Madrid, N. Y., was nearly destroyed by fire Saturday night, the fire being set by incendiaries, whose object was plunder. They stole some horses and escaped. Three children were burned to death at Crediton, Ontario, on Monday night. The St. Charles Hotel at Patterson, N. J., was burned Tuesday morning. The boarders narrowly escaped alive, and several were badly injured by leaping from the upper stories. There were two \$50,000 fires in North Carolina Tuesday night, one at Clinton and the other at Enfield. A furniture factory at Tell City, Ind., was burned Wednesday; loss \$50,000.

Brief Bits.

—Paris has 65,000 beggars.
—Gum camphor drives ants away.
—Only sixteen more snow storms to come.
—Eugenic wears a wig of light yellow hair.
—France consumed six hundred tons of cigars in 1876.
—Attorney-General Devens is the tallest man in the Cabinet.
—Beware of milk-typhoid. That's the danger of using bad milk.
—The gold product of Australia fell off largely in 1876.
—Nellie Grant-Sartoris' new baby weighs eleven pounds.
—The Hudson River is open from New York to Albany.
—There are five Misses Everts, and they are all brunettes.
—Don Cameron is credited with a fortune of \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000.
—One California farmer owns 107,000 acres of land and 45,000 sheep.
—Postage stamps are manufactured at an average cost of one cent per hundred.
—There are twelve miles of shelving for books in the British Museum.
—Gens. Beauregard and Early have gone into the lottery business in New Orleans.
—A Virginia woman of 28 is a grandmother. She was married at the age of 13 years.
—Walter Bagshot, the well-known writer on British political institutions, is dead.
—The winter term of Amherst College closed Wednesday for a recess of two weeks.
—Telegraphy has been introduced into the school for the blind at Nashville, as a study.
—Appearances indicate a large crop of maple sugar this year in Vermont.
—The new bodices have all curious basques, and five seams instead of three at the back.
—Dr. Danroosh of New York owns a violin more than 200 years old and valued at \$1500.
—It is predicted that ladies' boots this spring will, in color, match their costumes.
—Yankee street cars, school mares, and pumpkins have been introduced into Japan.
—Dr. Harwood of Whately has attended the births of 1020 children during his long practice.
—Bertha Von Hillera has accomplished the feat of walking 50 miles in 12 hours, at Providence.
—An Iowa Court has decided that railway companies are responsible for larcenies committed in sleeping cars.
—Dr. J. G. Holland "took daguerotypes" in Northampton in 1841. Not succeeding at this he opened a writing school the same year.
—English capitalists have loaned to foreign countries a total of \$235,094,423, which they are not likely to get back again.
—Mr. Murray wants a church built that will seat 10,000 persons, and he thinks this will be the out-crop of the revival.
—There is a spring at Fredonia, Ky., fifteen feet in diameter, which has been sounded to the depth of three hundred feet without reaching bottom.
—A Meriden shoe dealer has received an order from a Georgia colored minister for a pair of boots 20 1/2 inches long, 6 inches wide and number twenty-eight.
—A big wild cat sprang through the window of a locomotive caboose, as the train was passing through a forest in Wisconsin, the other day, and the engineer and fireman had a sharp struggle to kill the intruder.

John D. Lee, the Mormon murderer, was shot at Mountain Meadow last Friday. He made a speech bitterly denouncing Brigham Young, and calling himself a scapegoat for the sins of others.

President Seelye of Amherst College has given all of his salary while a representative in Congress to the town of Amherst, to be expended in laying walks through the village.

Barre, Vt., boasts of a man who keeps all his tea in the barn and brings only one teaspoonful to the house each day. He has accumulated a fortune of \$15,000.

A man in Worcester recently paid \$6 for a dog license, and the next day mortgaged his household furniture for \$83.

The family circle do enjoy the nice chairs which come from Metcalf & Luther's, Springfield, Mass.

The Spring styles are out at C. D. Fretz's, 347 Main St., Springfield, and the ladies can find there everything in the underwear line, &c.

Moffitt & Davis, the most successful artists in Springfield, are taking elegant card photographs at 310 Main St., said to exceed any before made in that city.

Homoeopathic families and physicians will find a very true and choice stock of this kind of medicines at C. C. Burdett & Co's. drug store, Massasoit House block, close to depot, Springfield.

A. M. Knight & Son, we learn by a visit to 363 Main street, Springfield, are selling pumps, lead pipe, drain tile and plumbing materials very low. They go into the country to do jobs of plumbing.

Chemistry has Discovered at Last What Everybody Wants.

Wood's Improved Hair Restorer is unlike any other, and has no equal. The Improved has new vegetable tonic properties; restores gray hair to a glossy, natural color; restores faded, dry, harsh and falling hair; restores, dresses, gives vigor to the hair; restores hair to premature bald heads; removes dandruff, humors, scaly eruption; removes irritation, itching and scaly dryness. No article produces such wonderful effects. Try it; don't be put off with any other article. Sold by all druggists in this place, and dealers everywhere. Trade supplied at manufacturers' prices by C. A. Cook & Co., Chicago, Sole Agents for the United States and Canada, and by Weeks & Potter, Boston.

"My cough shakes me to pieces," gasps the victim of that disconcerting visitation. Shake it off, then, with "Cough Honey of Horchound and Tar." Any cough can be put to flight with that wonderful peo oral elixir. Sold by all druggists. Pike's Toothache Drops cure in 1 minute. 4w2

LYON'S KATHARON prevents the hair from falling out or turning gray, renews its growth, and gives strength and vigor. It is delightfully perfumed, and makes a splendid dressing. It is the cheapest and most desirable Hair Tonic ever produced. Used by the elite. Price only 50 cents. 1y2-26

BORN.

At Palmer, 24th, a daughter to SETH W. SMITH, 2d, and granddaughter to George Bacon of Brimfield.

DIED.

At Palmer, 23d, C. C. SHAW, 63.
At Palmer, 28th, EMMA L. W., wife of George A. Griffin, and daughter of Lyman Michel.
At Palmer, 27th, GEORGE P., 3 months, son of H. D. and Ida A. Nelson.
At West Warren, 25d, SUSIE, 3; 28th, ANNIE, 14, both of diphtheria, daughters of C. N. Gilbert.
At South Wilbraham, 21st inst, MORRIS C. PRASE, 49; 23d, JANE, 42, wife of A. H. Miller; 25th, LEWIS SPAULDING, 70, Dec. JACOB LEONARD, 81.
At South Providence, R. I. 9th, JOSEPH V. KENT, 73 yrs. 10 mos., brother of T. V. Kent of Thorndike.

If the parties who borrowed our FORCE PUMPS would return them we would be much obliged. C. A. BROWN & CO. Palmer, March 23, 1877. 1w1

LOST—A gold open-faced Lady's Watch with gold dial, between Main Street, Palmer, and the State Primary School. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving the same at the JOURNAL OFFICE. Palmer, March 23, 1877. 1w

AUCTION SALE!

The subscriber offers for sale on his premises, Wednesday, April 4th, at 9 o'clock a. m., his entire Personal Property, consisting of ONE YOKE OF OXEN, FOUR YEARS OLD, 7 Cows, 1 Yearling, 1 Horse, 1 TOP PHAETON, 1 EXPRESS WAGON, 1 Ox Cart, a quantity of good Hay, Straw, Oats, Rye and Corn.

ABOUT 50 BARRELS OF CIDER, and a general assortment of Farming Tools. Also, a large quantity of Household Furniture.

JOHN GRAVES, J. A. PALMER, Auctioneer. Palmer, March 23, 1877. 1w1

GRAND CONCERT.

PROGRAMME —OF—

Prof. G. C. Wheeler's Concert, At WALES HALL, Tuesday Evening, April 3, 1877.

PART FIRST.
1. EXPOSITION GRAND MARCH. Hencher.
Two Pianos, Organs, Violin, Cornet, Clarinet, and Bass.
Messrs. LIBERATI, CLARE, TEAGUE, COLBURN, NORTHROP, Misses FERRY, FOSTER and KEYES.
2. Solo. My Angel Bird. Concert waltz Song. White.
Miss LIZZIE FEENEY.
3. Cornet Solo. Potpourri de Concert. Levy.
Prof. ALESSANDRO LIBERATI.
4. Solo. "Il Bacio". Arditi.
Miss ANNIE B. FEENEY.
5. Piano Duet. Hercules Grand Galop de Concert. Russell.
Mr. G. C. WHEELER, Miss ETTA FAIRBANKS.
6. Solo. Ecstasy Concert Waltz. Arditi.
Miss LAURA A. BELDING.
7. Violin Solo. Cavatina de Sannambula. Bellini.
Prof. M. F. CLARE.

PART SECOND. C. A. White.
1. Quartette. Miss GEORGE NELSON, Mrs. F. H. WOODS, Messrs. STONE and SEDGWICK. Selected.
2. Clarinet Solo. Mr. L. B. COLBURN.
3. Solo. Judith. With Cornet Obligato. Concone. Miss ANNIE B. FEENEY and Prof. LIBERATI. Selected.
4. Harmonica Solo. Mr. C. L. TEAGUE. Levy.
5. Cornet Solo. Whirlwind Polka. Prof. ALESSANDRO LIBERATI.
6. Quartette. "Away to the Fields." C. A. White. Miss MARY LOOMIS, Mrs. G. F. BROWN, Messrs. HOLDEN and KURTZ.
7. Clayton's Grand March. Blake.
For two Pianos, Organs, Violin, Cornet, Clarinet and Bass.
Messrs. LIBERATI, CLARE, TEAGUE, COLBURN, NORTHROP, Misses FERRY, KEYES and FOSTER.
ADMISSION, 25 Cts. RESERVED SEATS, 35 Cts. CHILDREN, 15 Cts.
Tickets on sale Monday, April 2d, at Allen & Cowan's Drug Store.
Doors open at 7. Concert commences at 7.45.

NOW ON VIEW,

FOR A SHORT TIME ONLY,

At the NEW BANK BUILDING,

Corner Main and Court Streets, SPRINGFIELD.

The Wondrous Picture, by E. Goodwyn Lewis, of London

"THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST IN JORDAN." Containing nearly 300 figures. DAILY 9 to 6.....EVENING 7 to 9.

I have succeeded in obtaining this picture in Springfield for a few days only, on its way to New York, and all interested in Art will I am sure, be glad to avail themselves of the rare opportunity thus offered of seeing this marvellous painting. 12m7 JAS. D. GILL.

TENEMENT TO RENT!

One of ten rooms, first-class, in the village. Also, a Carpenter's Shop. Enquire of M. FOX. Palmer, March 2, 1877. 481f

WALES HALL, - - - PALMER.

Saturday Evening, March 31.

SHEPPARD'S JUBILEE SINGERS. A GENUINE SLAVE BAND, IN JUBILEE SONGS!

They are genuine colored people, under the leadership of ANDREW SHEPPARD, thirty years a slave, formerly the property of Gen. Robert E. Lee, at Arlington, Va., emancipated by Abraham Lincoln's Great Proclamation of Freedom. These Singers make no pretensions to musical abilities, they being unable to read or write. All having been slaves, they give the truest and best representation of Slave Life on the Old Plantation.

Organized by Rev. Father Hawley, City Missionary in the city of Hartford, Ct., for 20 years. Prices of Admission, 15, 25 and 35 Cents. Tickets at Appleton's Drug Store. Doors open at 7 o'clock. Concert commences at 8.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS.—In the matter of Warren Shaw, Bankrupt.—Notice is hereby given that the 2d and 3d General Meetings of the creditors of said bankrupt will be held at Springfield, in said District, on the 11th day of April, A. D. 1877, at 9 o'clock a. m., at the office of Timothy M. Brown, one of the Registers in Bankruptcy in said District, for the purposes named in Sections 5692 and 5693 of the Revised Statutes of the United States. 2w1 C. L. GARDNER, Assignee.

CASH STORE.

We have just opened at 59 Main street, a fresh stock of

GROCERIES, Flour, Provisions,

Stone and Glass Ware, &c.,

Which we propose to sell CHEAP

FOR CASH ONLY!

We are going to do a STRICTLY CASH BUSINESS, and as we shall lose no money on poor accounts, we can afford to sell cheaper than any merchant can who gives credit.

AND WE SHALL DO IT!

CALL AND SEE US AND LEARN OUR PRICES!

SMITH & CO.

Palmer, Feb. 8th, 1877. 59 Main Street. 3m46

PAPER HANGINGS

—AND—

CROCKERY.

A full and complete assortment of SPRING PATTERNS OF PAPER HANGINGS, including Crumpled Washable Tins and Kitchen Papers, bought at lowest cash prices, already received.

FIRST QUALITY GOODS.

I furnish first quality of CROCKERY at lowest prices. Don't fail to examine my goods and prices before purchasing elsewhere. Also, constantly on hand, a good assortment of PLATED WARE,

CHINA and FANCY WARE, WINDOW SHADE & FIXTURES, GLASS WARE & LAMP GOODS, FLOWER POTS & STONE WARE, TABLE and POCKET CUTLERY, GILT & ROSEWOOD ROOM MOULDING,

Agent for PRATT'S ASTRAL OIL, the best Oil in use for Kerosene Lamps—safest, purest, most durable.

PAPER HANGING & WHITENING done in the best manner. Prices reduced for Decorative and Common Work. I make a specialty of

FRESCO and DECORATIVE WORK.

Having frescoed about 40 ceilings, besides doing an unprecedented amount of size decoration for this locality during the past year.

WINDOW SHADES MADE AND HUNG.

N. B.—My prices shall be as low as those of any responsible workman.

E. J. WOOD, NASSOWANNO BLOCK. Palmer, March, 1877.

GUARDIAN'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.—By license of the Probate Court for the county of Hampden, will be sold at public auction, at the office of C. L. Gardner, Esq., in Palmer, in said county, on Tuesday, the third day of April next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, all the right title and interest of M. Ida Jenks, Amelia D. Weeks, Reuben E. Weeks, Johnnie A. Weeks and Isabel J. Weeks, minors, in and to the home-land of the late Mary C. Harradon, situated in South Wilbraham, in said county.

ENOS CALKINS, Guardian. 3w31 Palmer, March 14, 1877.

FOR SALE!

A thorough-bred AYSHIRE BULL, fourteen months old.

Also, EGGS from PLYMOUTH ROCK FOWLS, warranted pure bred, \$1 for fifteen.

Monson, March 1, 1877. W. M. TUCKER. 491f

FOR SALE OR TO RENT!

The FARM IN THIS VILLAGE belonging to Mrs. Laura A. Parks.

For further particulars inquire of W. R. Parks, Palmer, or Mrs. L. A. PARKS, Monson.

Palmer, Feb. 23, 1877. 481f

FASHIONABLE DRESSMAKING!

Mrs. W. CRICHTON announces to the Ladies of Palmer and vicinity that she is prepared to execute their orders promptly and artistically. Two APPRENTICES WANTED. Residence nearly opposite the Blanchardville school house.

Palmer, March 1, 1877. 481f

THE LARGEST AND BEST FEED CUTTER

In the market is sold by ELI N. FAY of Monson and for the LEAST MONEY. Before buying please call and see them. 491f

MISS ABIE HOLBROOK

Will receive orders for all kinds of HAIR WORK. 3m46 62 Commercial Block, Palmer, Mass.

!! ATTENTION !! CLOTHING, HATS, CAPS

—AN D—

Furnishing Goods,

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OLD STAND OF F. J. PARKER & CO.

Whole Stock for Sale, either at Retail or in Bulk.

MR. J. A. BALDWIN, having been under the necessity of taking this stock, will sell it at greatly reduced prices, some of it much below cost, to close it out. This will afford yourself an opportunity of obtaining CLOTHING enough for five years' wear so low that you will not be wise in letting it pass. After the goods are sold the store will be for rent.

J. A. BALDWIN.

Springfield, Jan. 1877. 421f

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THE BEST BOOTS AND SHOES MANUFACTURED,

At the Lowest CASH PRICES in the City,

At My One Price Store, 382 Main St.

SPRINGFIELD. FAY'S. 4w51

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A large assortment of the latest styles of PAPER HANGINGS AND BORDERS which I offer to the public at reduced rates.

A large stock of SHEET MUSIC, MUSICAL BOOKS, And MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, Constantly on hand.

FOR SALE, at a Low Price, one SECOND-HAND ORGAN. G. K. CUTLER. 2m30

OLD SACHEM Indian Renovating Bitters!

—THE— BEST AROMATIC TONIC IN USE FOR DYSPEPSIA, JAUNDICE, AND NERVOUS DEBILITY.

In it you have an agent to improve the appetite, facilitate digestion, regulate the bowels, and give tone to the nervous system and vigor to any organ in the body, thereby imparting health and strength.

MANUFACTURED AND SOLD BY G. H. APPLETON, Druggist, - - Palmer, Mass. 501f

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.

To the heirs-at-law, and others interested in the estate of Abigail Hall, late of Monson, in said county, deceased, Greeting:

Whereas, George H. Newton, administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said court his petition for license to sell so much of the real estate of said deceased as will raise the sum of eighty-five dollars, for the payment of debts and charges of administration:

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Springfield, in said county, on the first Tuesday of April next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, against the same. And said George H. Newton is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once a week, three weeks successively, in the Palmer Journal, a newspaper printed at Palmer, the last publication to be two days at least before said Court.

Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esquire, Judge of said court, this ninth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven. 3w31n SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.

GRAIN STORE!

The subscriber would respectfully announce to the people of Three Rivers and vicinity that he is prepared to furnish

FLOUR, GRAIN, MEAL, FEED, &c., in large or small quantities, at the store lately occupied by Frank Shaw in Three Rivers. I can give the best of goods and as good bargains as can be obtained anywhere. Give me a call. W. M. HAYNES. 471f

Three Rivers, Feb. 15th, 1877.

ALL KINDS OF LIGHT GROCERIES

FOR SALE, VERY CHEAP! Chemical Pure Cream Tartar, Cooking Soda and Baking Powder. Fine PEAS, COFFEES, &c. GENUINE SPICES, Cinnamon, Ginger, Cloves, Allspice, whole and in powder.

EGGS WANTED. G. H. APPLETON. 251f

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BOSTON Semi-Weekly TRAVELLER —AND— WEEKLY TRAVELLER.

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25 CARDS, with name, 11 styles, for 10 cents, and stamp. Agents' outfit and samples, 10 cents. Address Henry C. N. Cross, Card Printer, Box 12, Thorndike, Mass. 4w1

TAKE NOTICE.—Call on G. A. ENGLISH for all FIRST-CLASS SOAP. 1m48

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OFFERED AT A BARGAIN!

A brand new single-barrel AMERICAN SHOT-GUN, made by Hyde & Shattuck, Springfield. Pronounced by sportsmen to be a No. 1. Will be sold at a bargain if taken soon. 45L Address J. H., Box 113, Palmer.

SALEM LEAD COMPANY.

Warranted PURE WHITE LEAD.—Well known throughout New England as the WHITEST, FINEST and BEST. LEAD PIPE, 5-8 in. wide, on reels for Curtain Sticks.

LEAD BIRDS, from 1 1/2 to 3 inches wide, on reels for Building.

LEAD PIPE, of any size or thickness. At lowest market prices for goods of equal quality. FRANCIS BROWN, Treas., Salem, Mass. 1y43

Gentle Spring.
Come, gentle spring! ethereal mildness, come!
That if you're coming, and please hurry up;
Don't stand round looking at the season's door,
Opening and shutting, letting in the draught.
Come, gentle spring, contrary maiden, come!
Take off your things, and make yourself to hum.
Last year you gave me fever and a cold,
Till my poor nose with hawking it was sore;
If coming you intend, with winter don't turn
In tending nature and in dishing things—
For things is mixed so, do come and stay,
Or, if your shawl isn't ready, stay away.
Come, gentle spring, contrary maiden, come!
Take off your things, and make yourself to hum.
Come and take down our curtains and our stoves,
Whitewash the ceiling, and scrub up the rooms;
Beat out the carpets, poison all the beds,
And bid those white-necked negroes from the door.
Come, gentle spring, contrary maiden, come!
Take off your things, and make yourself to hum.

A PLAIN CATECHISM OF HEALTH.
1. Habitations: All dwellings should be free from dampness, be freely ventilated, and have abundance of daylight; (over-crowding in houses is very injurious to health).
2. Cleanliness is essential to the preservation of health. The ceilings of houses should be frequently whitewashed and the rooms freely swept and floors washed.
3. Fresh air should be admitted into all bed-rooms in the morning, by opening windows and doors. Bed-coverings should be thrown down and exposed to the air for some time before the bed is made. Chamber vessels should not be allowed to retain their contents and remain in any room longer than is absolutely necessary.
4. Clothing: The body should be well covered. In winter or cold weather, flannel should be worn next to the skin. In summer, if flannel be found too oppressive, some lighter fabric may be used, but this should invariably be woolen. Linen should be frequently changed.
5. Food: Food should be plain, wholesome and fresh. Meals should be taken, if possible, at regular periods. Infants should have no other food than breast-milk until the first appearance of teeth, when small quantities of light farinaceous food may be given in addition. If there is a deficiency in breast-milk, cow's milk diluted according to circumstances with tepid water and a little sugar may be given. No child ought to be older than nine months before being weaned.
6. Pure drinking water should always be used. No water which can be suspected of containing any contamination from sewers, privies, or drains should be used. Pure water should be clear, colorless, and free from smell, but all such water is not necessarily pure, but may contain sewage, although it is bright and sparkling. All water should be filtered; but filtration will not separate sewage, but will only separate solid matters. It is a wise precaution, when any doubt exists to its purity, to boil water before use.
7. Exercise: A moderate amount of exercise should be taken daily.
8. Medicine should never be taken except by the advice of a physician, unless under very ordinary circumstances. Persons who are perpetually physicking themselves are never in a healthy condition, either bodily or mentally.
It would be quite impossible, and beyond the scope of these "plain directions," to give further directions for the "preservation of health." When in any difficulty, it is wise at once to consult a medical man.—*The Sanitarian.*

SCIENCE OF THE TELEGRAPH.—An old darkey gave the following explanation of the "science" of the telegraph:
"Now, you see, Sam, s'pose da was a dog, and dat dog's head was in Hoboken and his tail in Brooklyn."
"Go 'way, da ain't no such dog."
"Well, s'pose da was."
"Well, s'pose da was."
"Well, den, de telegram is jest like dat dog. If I pinch dat dog's tail in Brooklyn, what he do?"
"Dunno."
"Why, if I pinch dat dog's tail in Brooklyn, he go bark in Hoboken. Dat's de science ob it."

We see with much pain how frequently a husband or wife is quick-sighted, to see faults or mistakes in one another which would not be noticed in a friend or acquaintance. This ought not to be so. Those who are to walk through life together should be slow to find faults, quick to see and recognize a deed well done, however simple, for love's sake, and also for the good such examples can do the young under their care, who are so easily influenced, and that there may be no heartache and bitter repentance for their "reaping by and by."—*Mrs. H. W. Beecher.*

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Katie's Answer.

Och Katie's a rogue, it is true,
But her eyes, like the skies, are so blue.
An' her dimples so sweet,
An' her ankles so neat—
She'd aze, an' she bothered me, too—

Till one mornin' we went fur a ride,
Will demure as a bride, by my side,
The darlin', she said,
Will the wisestest hat
Neath a purty girl's chin I've tied.

An' me heart, arrah thin, how it bate—
Fur me Kate looked so temptin' an' swate,
Wild cheeks like the roses,
An' all the red posies
That grow in her garden so neat.

But I sat just as mute as the dead,
Till she said, wid a toss ur her head,
"If I know that to-day
Ye'd have nothin' to say
I'd have gone wid me cousin instade."

Thin I felt myself grow very bowld,
Fur I knew she'd not scold, if I told
The love at me heart,
That would never depart,
Tho' I lived to be wrinkled an' owd.

An' I said, "If I dared to do so,
I'd be glad to be baste, an' I'd throw
Both me arms round yer waist,
An' be stalin' a taste
Ur thin lips that are coazin' me so."

Thin she blushed a more illigant red,
As she said, widout raisin' her head,
An' her eyes looking down
"Would yer like me to drive, Mister Ted?"

WAS IT UNMAIDENLY?

"Gussie, tell me, do you love me or not? I have been waiting for your answer for as long as I can wait, and you must tell me now. Gussie, do you love me?"

Will Hammond stood at one end of the long snowy pine table, looking very handsome and very much in earnest as he watched the saucy, graceful Will Gussie Greendale tossed her head, and the bright color came warming her pretty cheeks.

It made a pleasant picture, the big kitchen in the farm house with its dresser full of shining tin, its big deep-seated windows draped with spotless dimity; its dozen, old-fashioned rush-bottomed chairs, and one great big cozily-cushioned rocker beside the cooking stove; with its snowy floor, with white and red stripes of bright rag carpet, its long white pine side table that was loaded down this cold frosty morning with toothsome dainties in a fair way of preparation for the table.

And prettiest of all was Gussie Greendale herself, with her bright brown and white calico dress, so neatly covered by a big bib apron, her sleeves rolled up to her pink, dimpled elbows, showing small, exquisitely-moulded arms, with her pretty arch face, of brunette complexion; her well-poised head with its shiny, dusky hair arranged neatly and becomingly; with her saucy, roguish eyes, whose merriment hid the great depth of tender passion, of which she was so capable. Will Hammond looked at her for fully a minute, all his heart in his eyes, while Gussie went complacently on with the work in hand, which, at that special minute, consisted of spreading delicious-looking lemon custard on a layer of jelly cake.

A minute, two, three passed, and the young man waited, and the girl spread custard with her dainty brown hand as though life itself was dependent thereupon. Then he spoke. "Will you answer me, Gussie? Yes or no?" And Gussie raised her roguish, coquettish eyes with a demureness that he might have known was dangerous.

"Really, I don't know which it is. There, now, will, are you satisfied?"

"Satisfied! And he thought, as he bit his moustache in sheer vexation, that it took some magic skill he feared he should never possess to woo this outrageous little enchanting flirt.

Satisfied! With her delicious red lips pouting so near him, and he not daring to kiss them—satisfied, with that haughty little head so near his, and he not daring to eradle it on his breast!

"Doubtless my content is supreme," he said bitterly. "Gussie, did it ever seem to you that, perhaps I mean what I say? Sometimes I imagine you treat it all as a good joke and nothing more. Gussie, you shall answer me! If you have an idea beyond having that custard spread smooth on your cake, you shall tell me—yes, or no!"

And Gussie, with her fine-layered custard jelly-cake poised on her fingers, looked critically, admiringly at it, then at him.

"Very well, Will, since you insist upon yes or no—no!"

And she set the cake down with a little emphasis.

"No!" he echoed, in a voice that was husky with the sudden end of the exquisite dream he had been indulging so long—ever since he had come to the Greendale farm-house in mid-summer, and where he lingered now, out of all prudence so far as his business was concerned, at the beginning of December, simply and solely because in Gussie Greendale were centered all the hopes of his life.

And she had deliberately said—no. She had coolly, almost coldly told him she did not love him, or his equivalent.

"No! Gussie, you can't mean that—you never can be so cruel!"

"I mean just what I said—I have that habit. But I can offer you every encouragement in asking some other young ladies the same question who have other ideas than those of cake-making, who doubtless will be very glad of a chance to say 'yes.' Isn't this kitchen awfully hot?"

Certainly Gussie's cheeks were remarkably red, but whether or not it was the heat of the kitchen, Willard Hammond did not inquire—he had his answer.

And Gussie's fingers flew faster than usual, and the pantry doors slammed somewhat, and one entire pan of cookies were burned to small oval éclairs while Gussie stood meditatively by the window.

And as she handed back his cup she struggled hard to shut her eyes to the fact that never again would life be as calm and rosy-hued as before she saw Willard Hammond, unless—

And with the perverseness of womankind—at least, some womankind—Gussie's eyes sparkled, and her cheeks glowed and the dimples came in her chin, and she felt dreadfully miserable to think of that "no!"

And Mr. Hammond heard and saw with jealous pain, and forthwith began an easy conversation with Farmer Greendale.

"I need not say how I regret breaking the pleasant connections I have had here among you, but it is, of course, impossible that such a life should last forever, delightful though it is. Besides, imperative summons from my cousin in Boston—one of the prettiest, most bewitching little ladies you can imagine, Miss Gussie—makes it a double duty for me to go."

Gussie smiled and said, "indeed," as calmly as though he had announced his intention of riding over the farm, while she experienced hot and cold thrills at thought of that cousin of his.

"He only said it to make me jealous, and he shall not do it," Gussie said to herself, and then with woman's inconsistency, went deliberately at work thinking, and fretting, and groaning, until by Thursday morning she was almost the ghost of herself.

Until this morning, this Thursday morning, with a damp, raw east wind, a clouded, lowering sky, when Willard Hammond was gone, Gussie had not entirely realized what it would be to her after he had gone, who had been the very sunshine of her life so many blessed weeks. But now, with all the bustle and excitement of getting him off, and now, when his trunk stood strapped in the hallway, and she had taken a peep into the room he had occupied, and that made her feel as if there had been a funeral in the house, now knowing it was the last time she would ever see his overcoat hanging on the hall-rack, or hear his tread on the stairs, Gussie came to a terrible realization of what she had done, how she had crushed all the light, and warmth, and beauty, out of her life, and all because she was an inborn little coquette.

And that city cousin of his! Gussie went to choke her, whoever, wherever, whatever she was, that she dare be so much to Willard Hammond, whom she loved, for all she had so cruelly refused him—and, shall it be confessed, without a doubt that he would renew his offer.

Would he renew it? Gussie sprang from the window where she was watching one of the farm hands harnessing up the horses that were to take her darling from her.

Would he? The thought sent brilliant flashes to the sweet eyes that had been dim for so many weary hours, and, and—now comes the question, was it unmaidenly in her?—Gussie went into the sitting-room where Mr. Hammond was alone, waiting for the horses.

He glanced up as she came shyly in, looking very fair to see.

"I am still waiting, you see, Miss Gussie. It is real good of you to come and help me be patient."

"Miss Gussie!" He never had called her so until that other day, and he never had addressed her so familiarly since. Every feeling, passion, act, should be suggestive of something higher than itself. Rising from the earth, the life should always spring and point toward Heaven. It ought not to sprawl upon the ground; it ought to reach after the throne.—Rev. Wayland Hoyt in the Watchman.

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I think no building ever seemed to me so rich in meaning, and so suggestive of noble feeling, as the exterior of Salisbury Cathedral in the south of England. It was, to me, a "poem writ in stone."

Four hundred and seventy-three feet the Cathedral stretches lengthwise, from vestibule to lady's chapel. Two hundred and twenty-nine feet it reaches breadthwise, from the end of one main transept to the other. Then, from the point where nave and transept intersect—supported by the arches laid on four great columns eighty feet in height—springs the wonderful spire, climbing and still climbing, until the cross upon the summit is lifted four hundred feet from the ground below.

Of their great, and wise, and daring builders in those old days.

But the peculiarity of the Cathedral is, that when you stand off, looking at it, you cannot prevent the mounting of your sight until it rests upon the spire's top. The green grass cannot detain you; nor the trees; nor the sides of the church populous with sculptured saints; nor the pointed arches of the windows; nor the aerial daring of the flying buttresses; nor the vanishing tips of the lofty turrets. Somehow, you must leave all these, and bid your vision go higher until at last it alights and rests, like a bird with folded wing, upon the topmost point of the great spire.

The reason is, that the style of the Cathedral is the pure and early Gothic. The main idea of that order of architecture is height and uplift. Every line is intended to distract attention from itself and to carry the eye above itself. Every curve is pointed, and suggests something beyond. The presiding thought of the architect was that lifted cross. The building is true to it. And so, you cannot help the ascent of your vision, until it tarries at that cross and rests. The whole Cathedral blossoms upward.

I saw it in the full sunlight of the early afternoon, and then my eye could not content itself but with the far-off summit. I saw the church again in the late night, when the moonlight had hung it all about with shadows, and then, dimly, but incessantly and surely, my eye would climb from window arch, and buttress, and pinnacle, until it staid upon that lifted cross.

It seemed to me, as I left it most reluctantly, and it has since seemed to me, as I have dwelt upon it many times in memory—that that Cathedral always so faithfully pointing upward, is the best and truest symbol of a right and holy life. Our lives should blossom upward. The commanding thought of our lives should be the lifted cross. Every feeling, passion, act, should be suggestive of something higher than itself. Rising from the earth, the life should always spring and point toward Heaven. It ought not to sprawl upon the ground; it ought to reach after the throne.—Rev. Wayland Hoyt in the Watchman.

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"Yes," said the old lady as she wiped her eyes and preceded to tell of the elopement of her daughter—"Yes, Mrs. Blobs, you may say it's a dreadful stroke. I ain't had such a shock since that last spell of rheumatism. To think that a darter of mine would do such a disgraceful act after all the care an' affection me an' her father lavished upon her, from her infancy up. I couldn't bear up under the affliction now."

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The directory of the world, according to the latest figures of German statisticians, contains 1,423,917,000 names. The five grand divisions of the world share the race in these numbers: Asia, 824,548,590; Europe, 369,173,800; Africa, 199,921,600; America, 85,519,800; and Australia and Polynesia, 4,738,600. That is, America has but a sixteenth of the whole; Asia four-sevenths; Africa one-seventh; Europe one-fifth; and the rest belong to the odd fifth corner of the earth. Supposing the population to be divided into thirty-fifths for a common denomination, the ratio of the countries to each other is about: Asia 20, Europe 7, Africa 5, America 24. There are 215 cities, each of at least 100,000 inhabitants, and 29 of these have at least 500,000 each. Those of at least 1,000,000 are, London, 3,489,428; Paris, 1,851,702; New York with Brooklyn, 1,535,628; Vienna, 1,091,990; and Berlin, 1,044,000; while Canton, Scantian, Shanghai and Singanfu, all of China, have each 1,000,000.

And it was the happiest moment in both their lives.

But—was it unmaidenly?

The Clergyman and the Peddler.

A clergyman who longed to trace Amid his ill-ek a work of grace, And mourned because he knew not why, Urn decess kept wet while his kept dry, While thinking what he could do more, Heard some one rapping at the door, And opening it, there met his view A dear old brother whom he knew, Who had got down by worldly blows From wealth to peddling cast-off clothes. Come in, my brother," said the pastor, "Perhaps my trouble you can master, For since the summer you withdrew, My converts have been very few."

"Dear brother," the peddler said, "I'll tell you something, perchance, to ease your soul, And to cut short all fulsome speeches, Bring me a pair of your old breeches, The clothes were brought, the peddler gazed, And said, 'No longer be amazed, The gloss upon this cloth is such, I think, perhaps, you sit too much Building air castles, bright and gay, Which Satan loves to blow away. And here behold, as I am born, The top from neither knee to worn; He who would great revivals see, Must wear his pants out to the knee. For such the lever prayer supplies, Whose pastors kneel, their churches rise."

LETTER FROM NEW YORK.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

New York in a Fog.—Rockaway.—Long Branch.—The Eastern Hotel.—Counting under Difficulties.—A Minister in Trouble.—Matrimonial Intuities.

New York, April 5, '77.

We are enjoying miserable weather. It starts out with rain, then snows, then freezes, then thaws, then rains, then snows once more, and finally settles down in a fog. Were you ever in London in a fog? Well, that is fearful, and New York in a fog is not much better. If you live in Brooklyn, Jersey City, or any other suburb of New York, heaven pity you on a foggy day! You wake late because it is dark; you hear whistles and fog bells all over the country, and wonder if it is Fourth of July or Sunday. You start out with an umbrella, and don't know whether it is raining or not. You get to the ferry and find a blockade of wagons of every description for half a mile. You wish to go to New York from Williamsburgh. You

The Journal.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 1877.

THE State election in Rhode Island, April 4th, resulted in the entire success of the Republican ticket. The majority was only from 400 to 600.

THE European war cloud which has looked so threatening is appearing less formidable, and it is very probable that after all Russia's bluster will not reach hostilities.

OUR legislature is not driving business very rapidly, owing, it is said, to so many green members. Well, the Legislature is a good school, and if the generation of members now in service are learning something to make them useful hereafter their time will not be altogether lost.

ABOUT these days, as the almanac is accustomed to say, look out for predictions of a failure in this year's peach crop. The storms that have come and gone, are alleged to have blighted the buds. But we hear this story about every year, and there will be time enough to appear concerned when the gathering of peaches begins.

OKAYE HALL, the missing New York lawyer, turns up in Liverpool, where he put in an appearance in a very every-day sort of style. He is thought to have left New York to escape being arrested on charges which Tweed proposes to make when he gets his liberty. It is said that Mr. Hall has a lady with him, who went out in advance and prepared a place for him, but that lady is not his wife.

AN extra session of Congress is to be held in June, probably, but the President hesitates to make the call till he can get a settlement of affairs in South Carolina and Louisiana. The extra session will be simply for the purpose of getting an appropriation for the army, but the Democrats are opposed to the measure so long as the army is used to maintain peace in South Carolina and Louisiana.

SPRING is advancing with lengthy strides. The roads hereabouts are quite settled, the frost is out of the ground, and gardeners in some instances have put in a few early potatoes. Blue birds, robins and frogs are heard, and wild geese are making their northward trip. We shall have many sour, chilly days yet, and probably a few snow storms, but nevertheless the prospects of early summer are many.

THE famine in India continues, and is pictured very vividly by correspondents. England is trying to do something to help the suffering people, but help to the starving and suffering comes slowly, and thousands are dying for want of subsistence. India is a country subject to famines, and in the past 64 years six famines have occurred in that country, and this in many respects is the severest of them all.

THOSE who have laid awake nights, fearing that the supply of kerosene oil will eventually give out, may be consoled by the theory advanced by a French chemist, who claims to have discovered that petroleum is formed by sea-water penetrating the earth to a depth where it finds high temperature and metallic sulphates. Volcanic localities, he says, are favorable to deposits of petroleum. If the professor is right, petroleum wells will exist as long as the ocean and earth continue to furnish means for such a preparation.

AGAIN have the women suffragists of Massachusetts been made a shuttlecock in the Legislature. The Senate recently passed a bill conferring suffrage upon women, and the House as promptly killed it. This kind of treatment has been practiced for several years, and the women who want to vote are not much nearer the polls than they were ten or fifteen years ago. The friends of woman suffrage have worked with a patience and courage deserving of success, and when public sentiment is thoroughly converted to their cause we may expect them to win it.

SOME charitable people are expressing the opinion that John D. Lee, the Mormon murderer, recently executed, was insane. There was an inconsistency in his denouncing Brigham Young, and some of the teachings of Mormonism, and still dying in the full belief of that faith, and without experiencing any feelings of guilt for his crimes. Mormonism is in the line of religious humbugs that prevail in many parts of the world, and like Mohammedanism appeals strongly to the passions. People devoted to that belief are no doubt sincere and educated; but such a man as Lee had advantages enough to know that such a religion is too full of crime, outrage and sin to be reasonable or right. It is not singular that outside witnesses should pronounce its devotees insane.

NEWSPAPERS out of Massachusetts are drawing horrible pictures of our State Reform School. One unfamiliar with the real condition of affairs would, on reading these descriptions, imagine that we were repeating the horrors of the dark ages, and that the public treasury was heavily drawn upon to manufacture a set of rascals to turn loose upon the public. Now, all this is a decidedly wrong inference to draw. The Reform School is intended for good, and some boys come out better than when they went in. The manner of punishing by shower bath, sweat box, etc., is all wrong, and will be changed; but punishment in some form is sometimes absolutely necessary, and without it order would be impossible. In Solomon's time a rod was recommended as an effectual instrument of punishment, and we can recollect that it worked well when we were a boy; but some humanitarians would be likely to get up a great hue-and-cry if Solomon's advice should be followed at Westford.

SENATOR GILBERT of Ware has reported a bill from the Legislative Charitable Committee establishing an advisory board of three women to visit the State Almshouse at Tewksbury and the State Primary School at Monson, and give such advice to the inspectors as they may think proper. It would be a very good thing to appoint a woman on the board of inspectors, of those institutions, but this sort of supernumerary "board of advice" is simply ridiculous. If the boards of inspectors of these institutions are not capable of managing them without having another board to advise them what to do, the Governor had better fill their places with men who are competent. The truth is, we are getting too much of this mixed business, too much of this supervisory theorism in our charitable system, to be useful or profitable. We believe that in many instances women would be better than men in managing charities; in fact, they are usually more humane and charitable, but when a board of women is appointed to supervise a board of men the thing is decidedly out of place. It is a superfluity which common sense rebels against.

THE State of Massachusetts is not likely to reach the end of expenses on the Hoosac Tunnel and its railway line for some years to come. The State has already spent over sixteen millions of dollars, including interest, on this hole in the mountain, and yet the thing is not completed. It is estimated that we shall have to spend about \$400,000 more to satisfy the claims of Shanley, the contractor, and complete the project. What is more, the contractors and commission appointed to have charge of these matters do not give a definite account of how the money is expended. It is all a muddle to unfamiliar minds, and an earnest inquiry is beginning to be made for definite particulars. The last appropriation of \$1,300,000 has all been spent, and now the Legislature is called upon to make up a deficit of \$111,000, and an appropriation besides of \$300,000. Truly, this great bore is the horse-leech's daughter of this Commonwealth, crying constantly "Give, Give!" The people must expect to bear a great burden of taxation so long as such things continue.

THE meeting of the President last week with Wade Hampton and Chamberlain of South Carolina has resulted in an order to withdraw the troops from the State House at Columbia, next Tuesday, and though Chamberlain enters his protest against surrendering to Hampton, he acknowledges that it will be in vain to maintain his position without the assistance of U. S. troops, and he will quietly give up the contest. He will hold on to the capital till ousted by regular process of law, and Hampton promises that he will not resort to any other force. Hampton further promises to protect the colored people in all their rights as citizens. This all looks well on paper, and the President has confidence to believe that he will keep his pledge.

THE Boston and Albany Railroad corporation is going into a wholesale retrenchment of expenses, by discharging men in its employ. The diminished business of the road necessitates a reduction of help, but we trust that the officials will have foresight enough to keep a force of track hands sufficient to keep their track in order. It is said the working force is to be diminished 300 to 500 hands. Wages of help are not to be materially reduced, but those employed must necessarily have their labors materially increased.

GOVERNOR PACKARD of Louisiana is quite indignant at the proposition of President Hayes to settle matters there in relation to the gubernatorial question. He says the commission sent by the President will be perfectly useless, as he declines to be bought off, or listen to any compromise. He says his title to the Governorship is as good as the President's to the Presidency, and it probably is, but he need not get uppish or arrogant about it.

AND now we are sorry to say that blue glass is shown to be a modern humbug. Experiments by Prof. James Dewar have shown that the power of other colors much exceeds blue in exciting a flow of electricity. The power of yellow is 16, while light blue is only 5. Look out for a deluge of price in blue glass hereafter.

BISMARCK, the premier of Prussia, has resigned, but at the request of the Emperor, leaves his resignation in abeyance during a year's vacation. Bismarck has been more the emperor of Prussia than the Emperor himself, and has dictated war or peace as he thought expedient.

THE Boston Herald in showing up the extravagance of the new Insane Hospital at Danvers, says, it will have cost, when completed and furnished, \$1,650,000, a sum sufficient to build a village of 165 \$10,000-houses. Such a village would be unique in elegance and cost among the thousands of towns scattered over this American continent. The cost of the Danvers palace would build a village of 330 \$5000 houses, or a town of 660 \$2500-habitations. Such a collection of houses as this would accommodate a population of 3000 souls, supposing each family to occupy a house by itself, and to consist of 4-6-10 persons, the average size of a Massachusetts family, according to the last census. Let the tax-payers ruminate on this.

Empress Eugenie wanted to see Florence by moonlight; so one night last month the obliging Syndic of that city blew out all the street lamps and the imperial party went shivering to view the loveliness of Florence under the moonbeams.

President Diaz of Mexico, finds his authority endangered by the hostility of Gen. Mendez, who has hitherto been one of his warmest supporters, and exercised executive power while his chief was subduing the adherents of Iglesias.

LOCAL BUSINESS NOTICES.

Turtle soup will be served this (Saturday) evening at Frank Wood's restaurant.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Look out for counterfeit quarters dated 1877.

E. J. Wood is building a new barn on his Central street lot.

G. H. Perry, formerly of Palmer, is now preaching in Brockton, Mass.

The grass is getting quite green in door yards and along the roadsides.

The Reform club has adjourned to Sunday the 15th inst., at 5 o'clock P. M.

J. S. Loomis makes an announcement this week, that will interest a large number of our readers.

There will be no preaching in the Baptist church next Sabbath; Sunday school and prayer meeting as usual.

The organ grinders have started on their Spring circuit, and the voice of the early bird is heard in the land.

Some very attractive work on store windows was done by a traveling artist this week, with a preparation of soap.

The stores in the village will keep up the practice of early closing on Tuesday and Thursday evenings until the first of May.

Pearl, the little daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Sexton, formerly of this town, took the prize at a Great Barrington baby show last week.

Miss Sedgwick invites the ladies to call and see the new styles and Spring fashions, and of course they will eagerly accept the invitation.

The attendance was unusually large upon the auction sale of John Graves' property Wednesday, and things sold at hard times prices.

All the schools in town commence next Tuesday, the 10th. They will all be full, and the high school will be materially increased.

The large school house in this village is to be repaired, just at a time when the children can get their backs whitened by leaning against it.

An auction sale of Household Furniture, etc., at French's Block, to-day, at 2 P. M., will interest our readers, anxious to secure bargains.

The A. O. Hibernians and their friends danced at Wales Hall, Friday evening, and refreshed themselves with a good supper at the Nassovanno.

The Baptist churches of Palmer and Three Rivers union in calling Rev. Mr. Berry, late of Belchertown, to their pastorate. He has accepted, and enters upon his labors the 15th inst.

As the Spring comes on Mr. Slader is preparing for a renewed demand for monumental work. He represents the Rutland works, and has many specimens in our vicinity graveyards.

The Marble K. Ferrell farm is to be sold at auction on Monday next. The farm has been one of the best in town, and contains 333 acres. It was formerly valued at more than \$20,000.

St. Paul's Universalist Society has chosen the following officers:—Parish Committee, M. W. French, S. R. Lawrence, John A. Squier; clerk, George Robinson; treasurer, A. H. Willis.

E. C. Sexton is now prepared to do jobs in painting, papering, tinting and frescoing for all who wish. A nice sample of his work can be seen in the new store which Miss Weeks is soon to occupy.

Seven men out of the sixteen employed at the Palmer station were discharged from the Boston & Albany R. R. Thursday, on account of the wholesale reduction in help that the road is now making.

Preaching in Wales Hall to-morrow by Rev. J. H. Willis. Subject in the morning, Christ and Socrates compared; in the evening, Cain's policy, the World's delusion or Policy repudiated.

The Excelsior club wrestle next time with the important resolution "that a farmer's life is preferable to that of a mechanic." Affirmative, Henry Slader, Fred Winter; negative, H. F. Keyes, Everett Sedgwick.

The gross receipts of the Lyceum from their most recent last week were about \$25, and they will thus be enabled to pay all the expenses of their Winter's campaign, which has been a very successful one.

Lorenzo Hazard of West Brookfield, formerly an employee in Oakes & Winslow shoe shop in this place, was up for drunkenness on Monday, and fined—Thomas Rice, for malicious mischief, was sent to jail in default of fine.

Sheppard's Jubilee Singers were poorly appreciated Saturday night, barely getting a \$13 house. The discouraging effect of empty benches told on their singing, but many of the ladies were well rendered, and called forth applause.

Quite a number of our people are anticipating the pleasure of hearing and seeing the great artist Booth at the Springfield opera house next Monday and Tuesday evenings, and hope to get up sufficiently large party to secure an extra car home after the play.

The Lyceum held a business meeting Thursday evening, and adjourned for two weeks, when the question, resolved, "That the Indian should be made a citizen," will be discussed. A. H. H. C. Strong, neg.; G. H. Appleton, substitutes, Dr. J. K. Warren and C. L. Gardner.

The Palmer Dramatic Club advertise to bring out their new drama of "Caste" on the evening of the 12th, Fast night, at Wales Hall. For the benefit of the public the price of tickets has been marked at ten cents, with an extra charge of only five cents for a reserved seat. At these prices the hall will certainly be filled.

The Easter concert at the 2d Cong. S. S. last Sabbath afternoon under the direction of Rev. Mary Foster, was one of the best. The musical display was profuse and excellent, and the exercises appropriate and well presented. St. Paul's Sunday school gave the same exercise in the evening at Wales Hall, both houses being well filled.

A coal house has been erected by Supt. Bradford of the State Primary School, on the State farm at the side of the New London Northern Railroad, where coal can be stored and drawn to the institution as it may be wanted. This will save distance in drawing and also many tons which have been annually stolen from the piles on River street.

A Shakespearean reading by Mrs. Baldwin is on at Wales Hall, Wednesday evening, April 18th. The selection will be, "A Midsummer Night's Dream," with Mendelssohn's music by Mrs. Crawford. Mrs. Baldwin has been very successful as a reader in other places, and Mrs. Crawford's music will need no commendation from us.

The good little boys in the Blanchardville school who were neither absent or tardy during the fall term were, George Stevens, Arthur Smith, Christopher Smith and Wilton Taft; during the winter term, John Meany, Willie Fay, Walker Marquis, Wilton Taft, Harry Thompson and Lizzie Thompson gained the same honor. Miss Emma Gorton, the teacher, will be transferred next term to Bondville, and be succeeded by Miss Kate Thompson.

The "street lamp fever" has broken out again. John Converse has put up two lamps on his premises, Messrs. Smith and Squiers one each on Main street, and at least two more are to be put out on Thorndike street by Dr. Stowe, and Messrs. Webster and Johnson. On Main street J. F. Holbrook follows suit, and on Central street Dr. Warren sets the example, one or two more being expected soon on the same street above Park. The iron posts are made at the Palmer Iron Foundry, and the whole fixture complete costs about \$10 or \$17, the post alone being sold for \$5. Now the doctors have got their hands in, we hope the fever will not be stayed until the whole village shall be affected. And while we are in the way of it, just let somebody suggest to the proper officials of the B. & A. R. R. that a light would be very acceptable, in fact is absolutely needed to dispel the Egyptian darkness of the dangerous passageway under their line, near the old freight depot.

The April term of the Probate court in Springfield granted administration on the estate of Mandana Bates of Monson, Edward R. Bates, administrator; Pamela Graves of same town, Marcus F. Bebee, administrator; Samuel B. Gould of Brimfield, S. S. Taft of Palmer, administrator; Lewis A. Spalding of Wilbraham, Warren Spalding, administrator; Joanna L. Sherman of Brimfield, William J. Sherman, administrator. Will be Andrew Porter of Monson, Cyrus N. Holmes and Edward F. Morris, executors. Guardians appointed: Edwin R. Bates of Monson, over Whitney H. and Arthur E. Bates; Harriet A. Bliss of Longmeadow, over Kate E. Noble; Elias S. Keyes of Wilbraham, over Eugene D. Keyes. Inventories were filed on estate of Rodolphus Homer of Monson, real estate, \$3750; personal, \$13,774; Pamela Graves of Monson, personal \$857. Leave granted to sell real estate of Abigail Hall of Monson, Edwin N. Montague, of Monson, Chas. W. Clark of Monson, Charles Collis of Brimfield. Accounts filed on estates of Francis M. Davis of Monson, Joseph C. Kelso of Chester, Eliza Chaffee of Wilbraham, Sylvanus Stebbins, of Wilbraham.

The concert of Tuesday evening developed something that perhaps has been overlooked in the past, and that is that Palmer not only appreciates a good entertainment of this kind, but can also draw upon home talent to a certain extent for its production. The entertainment was similar in character to that given two weeks ago by Mr. Wheeler, and gave equal if not better satisfaction than its predecessor. The instrumental performances seemed to give as much enjoyment to the audience as before, and the violin solo by Prof. Clare might be claimed as the gem of the evening, the familiar airs of the well-known opera being brought out with pleasing effect. Prof. Libbert displays much versatility upon the cornet, as both of his numbers were received with evident enjoyment by the audience, while the solos of Mr. Teague upon the harmonica, despite the fact that the attitudes of the performer gave one the impression that he was suffering from a severe tooth-ache, or an acute neuralgia, were among the marked successes of the evening. The selections given by the Misses Peeney were well rendered, and showed pains-taking culture, while the waltz song given by Miss Belding showed also in the lady the possibilities of still greater achievements in the concert hall. The effort of the young child in the rear of the hall to make duets of solos were also attended with considerable success, and lead to the reflection that while the innocent prattle of the babe is a matter of so much pleasure in the nursery, in the concert hall it becomes a positive annoyance and discomfort. The orchestral performance of some small boys in the front seat, upon the number five boot, was also quite a feature of the evening, and should not pass unnoticed.

THREE RIVERS.

There will be no preaching at the Baptist church next Sabbath.

WARREN.

The Universalists held a State conference at Warren on Wednesday last.

BELCHERTOWN.

A. A. Atwood & Co., have hired rooms in B. Butler's carriage shop, and propose to receive their slave making business.

WEST WARREN.

Dr. Carmichael of Warren is to have an office in Brewer's market.

There is no burying ground in the village, and the Catholics want to buy ground for one of C. W. Crouch.

HOLLAND.

Over in Holland they held town meeting on Monday, and these are the men who were then and there chosen to manage the affairs of the town until next April: Clerk and treasurer, P. E. Kinney; selectmen and overseers of the poor, William A. Webber, F. B. Blodgett, Henry Vinton; assessors, H. Wallis, Jr., William L. Webber, R. A. Blodgett; school committee for three years, G. L. Webber; highway surveyors, William Webber, N. Alexander, Richmond Young, E. W. Marcy; constable, A. L. Roper; sexton, J. A. Webber; collector, H. Wallis, Jr.; auditing committee, C. B. Drake, J. A. Webber, H. W. Nutting.

BONDVILLE.

There will be services at the Methodist church on Sunday next, as usual, the pastor returning from conference for the day. This church reports an increase in membership during the year, from 55 to 60. There seems to be a good feeling all around, and prospect of success in the future. A new interest, opened in the summer at West Ware, has resulted in the establishment of a flourishing class there, eight of whose members have united with the church at Bondville. The society now supports two prayer meetings and four class meetings weekly.

Cheesboro D. Lewis, an old resident of Palmer, died of pneumonia at Bondville on Thursday, at the age of 74. He always took great interest in our annual agricultural exhibitions, and will be missed.

BRIMFIELD.

The fall term of the H. F. H. school opened Tuesday, the 3d. Some ten new scholars were examined, and probably the number of scholars will reach 90, an unusually large number for the Spring term. The same corps of teachers is retained.

Brown, Moses H. Baker, Chas. F. Spalding; assessors, Samuel W. Brown, George M. Hitchcock, Oscar F. Brown; overseers of the poor, Henry F. Brown, Sumner Parker, F. E. Cook; school committee, E. W. Norwood; constables, F. E. Cook, Frank R. Newton; fence-viewers, Samuel W. Brown, George Dunham, M. H. Cheever. An adjourned meeting will be held next Monday, the 9th.

MONSON.

F. W. Ellis teaches Physiology at the Academy this term.

Mrs. Maria Pakke has been engaged by a class of young men and ladies for the purpose of teaching German.

Mrs. F. H. Fenton has her usually attractive opening of Spring Goods and Millinery on Tuesday and Wednesday next week.

Although most towns have been obliged to pay increased expenses for support of poor, yet the amount paid the last year is less than the average for several years previous.

Green's Hall is engaged next Thursday evening for a reading of Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream," by Mrs. Baldwin, of Palmer, with Mendelssohn's music by Mr. J. W. Crawford of Boston. The reading will be under the auspices of the Monson Harmony Society, and tickets are now on sale.

The following town officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, at the town meeting on Monday last: A. A. Gage, town clerk; Alfred Norcross, R. M. Reynolds, Chas. Fowler, selectmen; Joshua Tracy, Welcome Converse, W. J. Ricketts, assessors; W. K. Flynn, town treasurer. The appropriations made were as follows: For new school house, \$1200; Highways, \$3500; Schools, \$5000; Contingent expenses, \$4000; Memorial day, \$100. Total, \$813,800.

WILBRAHAM.

The campus opposite the boarding house is being leveled and is to be seeded down.

The Shakespearean reading by Mrs. Baldwin, announced to be given at Wilbraham Wednesday evening, was postponed on account of other entertainments, but will come off later in the term.

The members of the Young People's Literary Society repeated the drama, "The Last Lost" at Liberty Hall, Collins' depot, Thursday evening, by invitation, together with a dialogue, pantomime and music.

At the annual town meeting in Wilbraham Monday, E. B. Gage was chosen clerk and treasurer, F. E. Clark, W. R. Sessions, and E. W. Dickinson are to be the selectmen and overseers of the poor; the assessors are, A. J. Blanchard, H. H. Burbank, S. U. Stanton; school committee, Jason Butler. Appropriations: schools, \$3000; paupers, \$2500; highways and bridges, \$2000; contingencies and town officers, \$1200; school house No. 11, \$800; paying town debt, \$1000; interest, \$300; stocking Nine-mile pond, \$150; total, \$10,750. The meeting was a quiet one, some considerable fault finding with the expenditures of the old board of selectmen, and economy and retrenchment were the watch word of almost every one, even in the school committee, we shall see what the new board of officers will do.

SOUTH WILBRAHAM.

Mrs. Mary Allen, wife of Ephraim Allen, died the 1st, aged 65 years 6 months, and was buried Wednesday. She will be remembered by many readers of the JOURNAL, having been landlady in Palmer, Belchertown, Holyoke and many other places, in days gone by.

Luther B. Bliss, Esq., died at his residence in Wilbraham last Sunday morning, the 1st, aged 69 years. For almost half a century Mr. Bliss has been a leading man in the town. He commenced business in this village in 1835, was a merchant here some three years, when he returned to the North Parish, and was in trade there many years. Mr. Bliss was appointed postmaster in this village under Jackson's administration, and was soon appointed postmaster at Wilbraham, which office he held until the close of Buchanan's administration. He has ever had such honors as the town could confer on him, was one of the best presiding officers ever in town, which office he has filled many times when his political party was in the minority, has been a justice almost from his majority, and for many years a justice of the quorum, which office expired during the last few days of his life. Governor Rice rescinded the commission, unsolicited, but he was unable to be qualified. Governor Boutwell in 1852 appointed him a commissioner to qualify civil officers, which office he held till his death. He was also commissioner of insolvency at the time. He was a kind, affectionate husband, and thought much of home and family. He leaves a wife to mourn his loss; has a son and son-in-law in Kansas, in business, and will be missed by all in town.

LUDLOW.

One child has died of diphtheria at Ludlow, and the disease is quite prevalent, one family lately having five persons sick with it at one time.

At an adjourned town meeting it was voted to repair the town house, to pay \$8.50 for two hours work of a man and team on the highway, and \$1.25 for each extra man. The selectmen are authorized to appoint a man in each district as highway surveyor.

James Hancock of Springfield, foreman of a gang of repair men on the Ludlow reservoir was the victim of a well-nigh fatal accident last Saturday. The main pipe needed repairs, and to ascertain what was necessary the water from the reservoir was shut away from the end of the pipe by means of a coffer-dam, a few feet from the gate-house; the gates were then opened and the water in the pipe ran out at the High Brook end, half a mile away. Mr. Hancock then crawled into the pipe, intending to go through it and come out at the other end. The pipe being only 24 inches in diameter, he was obliged to go on his hands and knees. When he got about half-way through he discovered that a section of the pipe had sunk below the level, and being still filled with water he could not go farther without danger. As he could not turn in the pipe he was obliged to work his way back to the reservoir opening, but during his trip 18 feet of water had leaked into the space between the dam and the gate, so that if the gate were opened to let Mr. Hancock out, he would be drowned by the water rushing in. As quickly as the news of his imprisonment spread, a crowd gathered to pump out the water, and a little was allowed to run slowly in through the pipe. Mr. Hancock was communicated with by means of an air tube, and urged haste as he was slowly freezing. The dam also showed signs of leaking badly and was strengthened by means of saw-dust and sand-bags. By dint of hard work the 18 feet of water was at last got out of the space, after an imprisonment of five hours and a half, weak and almost unconscious. He was carried to the house of Mr. King and prompt efforts made to resuscitate him.

In the Post-office Department at Washington, since the 4th of March, the number of applications filed exceeds the whole number of post offices in the whole country, which is 36,000.

For your bonnet, dear, you may have deep orange, with violet. Thus dressed you will look as pretty as a red-headed girl with a blue nose.

ODDS AND ENDS.

New silk goods are soft, very much like raw silk.

Gloves of undress kid are the most popular for street wear.

Beecher lectures on "Hard Times" and charges a dollar and a half.

Strawberries are seven cents apiece, while peaches are only ten cents a bottle.

A frothy-mouthed Spitz dog will frighten more women than fifty wicked men.

Ex-Senator Latham, of California, has purchased a mineral spring for \$25,000.

Robberies are becoming more numerous than ever in the heart of aristocratic Paris.

Gray stockings with blue stripes are imported for children.

White lace ties are worn round the neck now that furs are discarded.

President Hayes says that he is not going to Long Branch this summer.

The New York police are considering the subject of starting a gymnasium.

An Iowa editor has become a singing evangelist, and Philadelphia has a century plant in bloom.

President Hayes has purchased in New York a pair of fine brown horses and a carriage.

An enterprising daily newspaper of Savannah, Ga., offers a prize of \$100 for the best and \$50 for the second-best story of forty-eight columns.

From 80,000 to 100,000 horns were weekly used in Aberdeen for comb making until the importation of cattle was prohibited.

Doughty & Brothers' bank at Harrisburg, Pa., has suspended. The poor depositors receive ten per cent. of their deposits.

Bertha Von Hillern accomplished the remarkable feat of walking fifty miles in eleven hours and ten minutes.

School Commissioner of the period. Chairman of Text Book Committee—"What of them books is best for teachin' learnin'."

The Enfield Shakers made and sold 11,000 sap buckets this spring.

Mrs. Chas. Bailey of Suncook set a hen on thirteen eggs, and a few days since she came off with fifteen chickens.

One hundred and fifty-seven of the 599 bears killed in Maine last year, lost their lives in Penobscot county.

President Hayes goes to church every Sunday morning.

The execution of John P. Phair at Windsor, Vt., on Friday afternoon, for the murder of Mrs. Anna Freeze, at Rutland, in June, 1874, was merely the consummation of a penalty begun two years ago. Under the laws of Vermont, a person convicted of capital crime must serve twenty months at hard labor in the State Prison, pass four months in solitary confinement and then be hung.

A Victoria dispatch reports the British gunboat Rocket, returned from a cruise northward in quest of the Indians who were supposed to have murdered the passengers and crew of the American steamer Geo. S. Wright some years ago. Four were arrested and brought back for trial. The Rocket was fired on by the Indians, and in return she shelled and burned the Indian village.

The Democratic organs announce that Tilden is on his way to Washington to urge his claims to the Presidency under a writ of *quo warranto*, and that his counsel are to be David Dudley Field, Gen. Pryor, Col. Pickett and R. T. Merrick. The assertion is not credited, and yet there may be some foundation for the numerous rumors about legal proceedings by Tilden.

Brief Bits.

—There must be great efficacy in the preaching of Moody, for a Boston Herald reporter who attended the tabernacle meetings has been converted.

—Wendell Phillips declares that the friends of President Hayes have sold out to the South.

—The Ludlow reservoir leaks, but it always has leaked, so that nobody is scared.

—Gen. Grant expects to write a history of the war, when he returns from Europe.

—The grangers are not as plenty as they used to be and the order is evidently dying out.

The Municipal Council of the city of Gotha, in Germany, some time since authorized cremation. The same council has now decreed the construction of a columbarium, which is to be located in one of the principal cemeteries. There are to be niches in the walls to receive the funeral urns which are to hold the ashes of the dead.

It is reported that Spotted Tail, Crazy Horse and nine hundred of his warriors are encamped on Bellefleur, about 50 miles north of Deadwood, T. T., en route to the Agency to accept terms of peace. Sitting Bull still holds out, but has but few warriors. The report causes much joy there.

A hermit who had lived 41 years, more or less, in a cave near Dingman's Ferry, Pa., was found frozen to death in a snow-drift last Friday night. He is said to have married in his youth a rich Yankee girl, and to have developed abnormal religious tendencies after her death.

The enlargement at the Reform School at Westboro, is now ready for occupancy, and the workmen were discharged Saturday night. A portion of the officers have been transferred to their new quarters.

It is amusing to see the papers unanimously criticising the construction of the Staffordville dam, and showing how the

THE LEGISLATURE.
From our own Correspondent.

Boston, April 4.
The session seems for the first time during the season—to-day, to drag, and an early adjournment seems to be the subject of so much attention, and members are beginning to talk up 'more salary' as a fit panacea for all the discomforts pertaining to long sitting.

Some important reports are beginning to come in, however, and when the Senate returns from its annual trip, some of the most important legislation of the session, will probably be "put upon its passage."

The Charitable Committee report in favor of a commission to sit in judgment on the Board of State Charities during the summer and report the result of its deliberation to the next Legislature.

The Boston Herald at one end of the line and the Springfield Republican at the other, have neither spared ink nor space to inform the credulous public from time to time of the many shortcomings of the State Board of Charities in general, and several of the institutions in particular, and ever since the commencement of the session these journals have kept up a continual cross-fire upon this thing and that thing—apparently drawing their ammunition from the same magazine—until their wearied readers began to hope that this much-talked-of board of State charities might have experienced a Mountain Meadow massacre, or be transported to some remote island of the Pacific where abuses in the Massachusetts institutions would be as unfrequently heard of as the Eastern question, or the decline of the temporal power of the Pope.

To be a member of such a malignant board, costs a man his reputation, and as the matter now stands, it would be a difficult thing to induce a first-class business man to accept a membership of a board which has little or no power, and must, of the necessity of the case, have no considerable amount of responsibility. Responsibility without the corresponding amount of power is the true diagnosis of all the trouble, and until that defect is remedied, the Board of State Charities, must and will remain an impotent commission and a constant butt for indiscriminate lampooning from all sides.

Therefore it is sincerely hoped by all parties interested, that this proposed commission will be composed—not only of able and practical men—but also of men who have had experience in this much complicated and hard-to-be-understood system, and who can, with a hand familiar with the business pluck out the good and thrust aside that which is bad and superfluous, and give to the State a bureau of State charities which will prove itself efficient in its work, and command the respect of the people.

The Charitable Committee also report an 'Advisory Board' of women for the Tewksbury and Monson institutions, thus adding another superfluous and useless 'board' to an already overstocked system. They have had advisory boards of the kind at Lancaster and Bridgewater for some years—and at the risk of seeming personal, we might also add that even the establishments named in the present bill have been more or less troubled with boards of the same kind—and we believe it is the opinion of the local authorities of these institutions that the existence of said boards, has only resulted in interference with the proper discipline of the establishment, and while the benevolent ladies composing the boards are always actuated by the best of motives, nevertheless the want of properly understanding and appreciating the vicious class with whom they are brought in contact, causes only more trouble to those who have the direct care, and in nine cases out of ten, the efforts of these ladies might be set down as clear cases of misapplied philanthropy. The plea that our charitable establishments need the maternal care and oversight of women seems an absurd one when we consider that the institutions are all crowded with women now filling the various subordinate positions, and what their watchful eyes fail to see in the daily round of their duties, no outside commission of ladies will ever be able to discover, for a good house-wife needs no criticism from her neighbor, and it would ill-become a stranger to darken her doors with adverse criticism upon the style of hanging the curtains or the tastefulness of the carpets or the lightness of the griddle-cakes. In the matter of house-keeping, we always understood that one woman considers herself as good as another, and when you come to having another bossing around, you can make up your mind for a big war in the provinces.

BLUE GLASS.—A Concord (N. H.) believer in blue glass put a climbing plant under the influence of it, with a tall rod for the plant to climb on. At the end of a week the plant was over the rod, and the delighted experimenter was relating the circumstance to a party of friends when a mischievous brother explained that he had surreptitiously pushed the rod into the dirt a half an inch a day, and the actual height of the plant was the same as before.

HONEST BARKEEPERS.—The Virginia Legislature in passing the bill to tax drinks, half a cent on each glass of lager, two and a half cents on each glass of whiskey, and so on, show a remarkable confidence in the average barkeeper's honesty.

A NEW FASHION.—Wedding cake is now prepared for fashionable distribution with a covering of icing on which is the monogram of the bride and bridegroom in colors. Each square piece is put into a satin covered box on which orange blossoms are worked in floss silk.

IMPORTANT ARREST.—Joe Baldwin and Joe Adams, two notorious scoundrels, have been arrested on suspicion of having robbed the cashier of the Abington Bank of a satchel containing \$5000 in a restaurant on South street last January.

See advertisement N. Y. \$1 variety store. 4w2

S. C. Ray, the fashionable tailor at 417 Main St., Springfield, has secured some very pretty styles for Spring suits.

If any of our readers are in search of a good truss, let us suggest the drug store of Burdett & Co., close by the depot, Springfield, as the place to buy.

The ladies should visit C. D. Ferris, 347 Main St., when they go to Springfield. He keeps such a fine stock of Corsets, Hosiery, Underwear, Pan-ties, &c.

Great streams from little fountains flow, and when the stream flows from the great furniture warehouse of Metcalf & Luther, Springfield, it fills the house with cosy contentment.

Dr. A. J. Flagg's Cough and Lung Syrup is performing miracles, curing all diseases of the Throat and Lungs, such as Coughs, Colds, Catarrh, Asthma, etc. It cures when all other remedies fail. Try it. Sold by all Druggists.

Moffitt & Davis, leading Photographers of Springfield, are at 319 Main St.

Mr. William Yerrall, for many years an experienced salesman in furniture warehouses in this country and England, has opened a furniture, crockery and glass store at 455 Main street, Springfield, and offers goods very low, to call in new customers.

O. D. Morse of the Central Shoe Store, Springfield, is out with a card this week—see another column—in which he shows a becoming solicitude to serve the patrons of this paper. He promises to do the fair thing, which thing he will undoubtedly do. This is his reputation. We advise our readers who haven't done so, to try him.

The reputation of the furniture house of Geo. A. Hunt of Springfield, is first class, especially for black walnut chamber sets. We understand Mr. Hunt has some advantage in buying, and by economizing expenses, is able to sell goods at a living profit, yet lower than other dealers in that city. For instance, he sells good black walnut chamber sets at \$65, and painted and ash sets for \$20.

A HEALTHY TOWN.—Few towns are more generally healthy than the little township of Claremont, N. H. Epidemics and prevailing sicknesses of any kind are almost unknown here, which is accounted for by rapid streams, entire exemption from fogs, and the causes of them, pure water, and the generally comfortable condition and regular habits of the people. And yet in any town in New England there are those who are subject to all diseases of the Throat and Lungs. In this particular, Claremont has an advantage over other places, in having a home remedy for these dread evils, in Dr. A. J. Flagg's Cough and Lung Syrup. Manufactured. Here is prepared a Syrup acknowledged by thousands as a sure and permanent cure for all throat and lung diseases. Go to your Druggist's after it! Keep it in your house! If need be, carry it in your pocket! Try it! Try it!

Every Invalid Should Know It.
The reports from all parts of the country confirm the statement that Dr. Gage's great vegetable remedy called "MEDICAL WONDER" is having an immense sale by all druggists. The proprietors do not expend enormous sums for flaring advertisements, but prefer to let the medicine advertise itself by sending to druggists throughout the country, sample bottles, for trial, at a cost of many thousands of dollars per year, that invalids may test its merits before purchasing a large size. No person suffering with dyspepsia, indigestion, liver or stomach troubles, or either sex, can take this remarkable medicine without soon seeing its good effects. Go to your druggist and get a sample bottle for 15 cents, and try it, or a large size for \$1.00. It has cured where all other remedies have failed. Sold in Palmer by G. H. APPLETON. 1y8

Chemistry has Discovered at Last What Everybody Wants.
Wood's Improved Hair Restorer is unlike any other, and has no equal. The Improved has new vegetable tonic properties; restores gray hair to a glossy, natural color; restores faded, dry, harsh and falling hair; restores, dresses, gives vigor to the hair; restores hair to premature bald heads; removes dandruff, humors, and scalp eruptions; removes irritation, itching and scaly eruptions; no moves irritation, itching and scaly eruptions. It produces such wonderful effects. Try it; call for Wood's Improved Hair Restorer, and don't be put off with any other article. Sold by all druggists in this place, and dealers everywhere. Trade supplied at manufacturers' prices by C. A. Goss & Co., Chicago, Sole Agents for the United States and Canada, and by Weeks & Potter, Boston. 3m23

"My cough shakes me to pieces," gasps the victim of that distressing visitation. Shake it off, then, with "Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar." Any cough can be put to flight with that wonderful peppy elixir. Sold by all druggists.
Pike's Toothache Drops cure in 1 minute. 4w52

LYON'S KATHIRON prevents the hair from falling out or turning gray, renews its growth, and gives strength and vigor. It is delightfully perfumed, and makes a splendid dressing. It is the cheapest and most desirable Hair Tonic ever produced. Used by the elite. Price only 50 cents. 1y326

BORN.

At Palmer, 3d, a daughter to ALFRED E. PARK. At Westfield, 2d, a son to E. A. and E. E. PARK. At South Wilbraham, a daughter to EUGENE O'CONNOR; also, daughter to WILLIAM FULLER. At Brimfield, 2d, a daughter to EDWARD BLISS. 3m23

DIED.

At Palmer, 27th ult., GEORGE P. 3 years and 3 months, son of H. D. and IDA A. NELSON. At Thorndike, 9th ult., EVA, 4 months, daughter of GEO. A. and ORA C. MURDOCK. (Corrected.) At Bourville, 4th ult., CHESTER B. LEWIS, 73. At Springfield, 3d, EMORY PIERCE, of Palmer. At Wilbraham, 1st, LUTHER B. BLISS, 63. At Thorndike, 1st, daughter of S. B. BOND. 3m23

WANTED.—PLAIN WASHING AND IRONING to do at home. Will call for it, if desired. House near the Foundry. Mrs. CALVIN PORTER. 3w23

JUST RECEIVED!
About 100 tons of PLASTER and 2000 bushels of SEED OATS. FOSKET & HOLBROOK. 1w2

NOTICE.—Whereas my wife, Lizzie, has left my bed and board, this is to forbid a persons from harboring or trusting her on my account, as I shall pay no debts of her contracting after this date. L. J. ROYCE. 3w23

PROPOSALS will be received by the School Committee of Palmer for painting the School House in this village, Three Rivers, in the Whiting District and the Old Center. The Committee will be in session at the study of Rev. Mr. Fullerton, Cong. Church, Monday forenoon, the 9th inst. WM. HOLBROOK, Sec. School Com. 1w2

LADIES WISHING
To see the Latest Novelties of the Season are invited to call at
M. E. SEDGWICK'S ROOMS,
PLEASANT STREET, where they will find a good assortment of Spring Millinery, just opened. DRESS-MAKING promptly attended to. 4w2

AUCTION SALE!
Next Saturday, April 7th, A. D. 1877, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at French's Block, Palmer Depot, the following Personal Property, consisting of
WM. HOLBROOK, Sec. School Com. 1w2

BEDS, BEDDING, CHAIRS, SECRETARY, Mirrors, Crockery, Glass Ware, Cutlery, Plated Ware, and a large line of Goods too numerous to mention. Remember—Next Saturday at 2 o'clock P. M. per order GEO. W. RANDALL. 1w2

PAINTING AND PAPER HANGING!
I am now prepared to do all kinds of PAINTING, GRADING AND TINTING, by experienced and practical workmen. Also, will give special attention to PAPER HANGING & WALL DECORATIONS. I shall also keep on hand a splendid line of PAPER HANGINGS and BORDERS; also, Fresco Papers and Borders, comprising some of the finest patterns manufactured at
PRICES TO SUIT THE TIMES. 4w2

Satisfaction guaranteed in every case. Orders can be left at Smith & Co's. store. E. C. SEXTON. 3w2

Palmer, April 7th, 1877. 3w2

CASKETS.

I am now prepared to furnish Stien's Patent Burial Casket, in
BLACK OR WHITE BROADCLOTH

or Purple Velvet. The nicest Casket made in this country. Also Pall Cloth and Table for such occasions. I have on hand a splendid assortment of

BURIAL SHROUDS

of all kinds for sale. All of these articles I will furnish at LOWER PRICES than they can be bought in any City.

FLOWERS OF ALL KINDS furnished when wanted. J. S. LOOMIS. 2w

Palmer, April 4th, 1877.

THE ESTEY ORGAN

May be seen at our store, for which we are SOLE AGENTS in this vicinity. SOLD LOW FOR CASH, OR ON THE INSTALLMENT PLAN.

Melodeons or old instruments taken in exchange. ORDERS RECEIVED for any style of PIANO or any other musical instrument. An assortment of PIANO STOOLS on hand.

ALLEN & COWAN. Palmer, April 7, 1877.

NEW MUSIC JUST RECEIVED! Sold to Teachers at a Discount. At ALLEN & COWAN'S.

SCHOOL BOOKS! And everything wanted for School purposes at lowest rates. At ALLEN & COWAN'S.

THE ANTALGICA

Is a MEDICINE FOR ALL SEASONS, and should be in every family. It is a sure antidote for ALL PAIN—EXTERNAL or INTERNAL.

It has been in use for more than a quarter of a century, and still surpasses any other Pain Killer made. Prepared only by ALLEN & COWAN.

THE NEW ENGLAND CATARRH REMEDY Is the surest and best remedy known for the cure of that terrible disease, Catarrh. Prepared only by ALLEN & COWAN.

RUTLAND MONUMENTAL WORKS. The subscriber continues to represent the Monumental Works of Geo. F. White of Rutland, Vt., in the sale of

MONUMENTS, TABLETS, HEAD-STONES, Etc., in this vicinity, and can usually be found at the N. L. N. R. Depot, prepared to show a variety of Drafts, Views and Photographs of the plainest and most elaborate patterns, and at the LOWEST PRICES at which

FIRST-CLASS WORK from the best material can be afforded. Applications by mail promptly answered. Palmer, Apr. 4th, 1877. O. L. SLADER. 4w2

FORBES & WALLACE

This week offer the following Extraordinary Bargains!!

Everything will be found just exactly as advertised: 15 Pieces Black Gro Grain Silk at - \$1.00 10 " " " Extra Quality 1.50 14 " " " Best Quality 2.00 Each of these

SILKS

are from 25 cts. TO 75 cts. PER YARD LESS than the same quality of Goods has ever been offered.

50 Pieces Black Alpaca at 25cts. (Reduced from 37c.) 50 Pieces Black Alpaca at 33cts. (Reduced from 50c.) 25 Pieces Brilliantine at 37 1-2, (our 62 ct. quality.) 46 inch Black Cashmere, one of the finest, \$1, never has been sold less than \$1.25. 40 inch Black Cashmere, extra fine, at 75 cts. This quality up till now, we have retailed at \$1. 50 Pieces 36 inch Colored Cashmere, all wool, new shades, at 50 cts., former price \$75 cts.

A DECIDED BARGAIN,

and not likely to last many days.

FORBES & WALLACE,

SPRINGFIELD, - - - MASS.

MISS ABIE HOLBROOK will receive orders for all kinds of HAIR WORK. 3m46 62 Commercial Block, Palmer, Mass.

\$1. \$1. \$1. \$1.

Where to go to spend it, —AT THE—

New York \$1 Variety Store, Just North of Boston Branch Grocery House, 329 MAIN ST., SPRINGFIELD, - - - MASS., Having been recently enlarged to double its former size, now offers a fine assortment of

JEWELRY

—AND— SILVER PLATED WARE

WALL AND SLIPPER POCKETS, DRESSING CASES, HAT, BOOK AND TOWEL RACKS, STANDS, VASES, TOILET, MANTEL AND WINE SETS, MOUSTACHE CUPS.

Card Receivers, Cuspadores, Chromos, Mirrors, Lamps, Satehels, Traveling Bags, Shawl Straps, Music Rolls, Folios, Writing Desks, Work Boxes, Stereoscopes and Views, Meerschaum Pipes, Clocks, Doll Perambulators, Wagons, Carts and an endless variety of Staple and

FANCY GOODS, TOYS, NOTIONS, &c. 4w2

1877. A CARD. 1877.

TO THE READERS OF THIS PAPER. Greeting: Another Spring has come, another President has taken his seat, and the "good time" so long coming is about to dawn. The undersigned makes his annual bow—this time a little lower than ever before—and cordially invites you all, when in Springfield, to look in at the "Central Shoe Store," and see our elegant stock of new Spring Styles, and the reduced prices. Don't fail to give us a call, whether you want to buy or not. We shall be happy to show you, and you will find us in our best vein, every time. Very respectfully yours, O. D. MORSE, Proprietor Central Shoe Store, 376 Main St., Springfield.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.—To the next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of Samuel R. Gould, late of Brimfield, in said county, deceased, intestate: Whereas, application has been made to said court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to S. S. Taft of Palmer, in the county of Hampden, You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Springfield, in said county of Hampden, on the first Tuesday of May next, at nine o'clock before noon, to show cause, if any you have, against granting the same. And the applicant is hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once a week, for three successive weeks, in the newspaper called the Palmer Journal, printed at Palmer, the last publication to be two days at least before said court. Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esq., Judge of said court, this fourth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven. 3w21 SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.

CASH STORE.

We have just opened at 59 Main street, a fresh stock of

GROCERIES,

Flour, Provisions,

Stone and Glass Ware, &c., Which we propose to sell CHEAP

FOR CASH ONLY!

We are going to do a STRICTLY CASH BUSINESS, and as we shall lose no money on poor accounts we can afford to sell cheaper than any merchant can who gives credit.

AND WE SHALL DO IT! CALL AND SEE US AND LEARN OUR PRICES! SMITH & CO. 59 Main Street. 3m46

Palmer, Feb. 8th, 1877.

ENVELOPES!

ALL QUALITIES AND PRICES. Printed to order, At the JOURNAL OFFICE.

THE LARGEST AND BEST FEED CUTTER

In the market is sold by ELI N. FAY of Monson and for the LEAST MONEY. Before buying please see and them. 49tr

TENEMENTS TO RENT!

One of ten rooms, first-class, in the village also, a Carpenter's Shop. Enquire of M. FOX. Palmer, March 2, 1877. 48tr

WANTED.—A gold open-faced Lady's Watch with gold dial, between Main Street, Palmer, and the State Prison School. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving the same at the JOURNAL OFFICE. 1tr

Palmer, March 31, 1877.

!! ATTENTION !!

CLOTHING, HATS, CAPS

—AN D—

Furnishing Goods, 388 Main Street, J. PARKER & CO.

OLD STAND OF F. J. PARKER & CO.

Whole Stock for Sale, either at Retail or in Bulk.

MR. J. A. BALDWIN, having been under the necessity of taking this stock, will sell it at greatly reduced prices, some of it much below cost, to close it out. This will afford yourself an opportunity of obtaining CLOTHING enough for five years' wear so low that you will not be wise in letting it pass. After the goods are sold the store will be for rent. J. A. BALDWIN. 42tr

Springfield, Jan. 1877.

I OBJECT

To being undersold, and shall continue to offer

THE BEST BOOTS AND SHOES MANUFACTURED, At the Lowest CASH PRICES in the City, At My One Price Store, 382 Main St. SPRINGFIELD. FAY'S. 4w51

PAPER HANGINGS

—AND— CROCKERY.

A full and complete assortment of SPRING PATTERNS of PAPER HANGINGS, including Crump's Washable Tints and Kitchen Papers, bought at lowest cash prices, already received.

FIRST QUALITY GOODS. I furnish first quality of CROCKERY at lowest prices. Don't fail to examine my goods and prices before purchasing elsewhere. Also, constantly on hand, a good assortment of PLATED WARE, CHINA and FANCY WARE, WINDOW SHADE & FIXTURES, GLASS WARE & LAMP GOODS, FLOWER POTS & STONE WARE, TABLE and POCKET CUTLERY, GILT & ROSEWOOD ROOM Moulding, Agent for PRATT'S ASTRAL OIL, the best Oil in use for Kerosene Lamps—safest, purest, most durable.

PAPER HANGING & WHITENING done in the best manner. Prices reduced for Decorative and Common Work. I make a specialty of FRESCO AND DECORATIVE WORK. Having frescoed about 40 ceilings, besides doing an unprecedented amount of side decoration for this locality during the past year.

WINDOW SHADES MADE AND HUNG. N. B.—My prices shall be as low as those of any responsible workman. E. J. WOOD, NASSAWANNO BLOCK. Palmer, March, 1877.

JUST RECEIVED! A large assortment of the latest styles of PAPER HANGINGS AND BORDERS which I offer to the public at reduced rates. A large stock of SHEET MUSIC, MUSICAL BOOKS, And MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, Constantly on hand.

FOR SALE, at a Low Price, one SECOND-HAND ORGAN. G. K. CUTLER. 2m50

OLD SACHEM Indian Renovating Bitters! —THE— BEST AROMATIC TONIC IN USE FOR DYSPEPSIA, JAUNDICE, AND NERVOUS DEBILITY. In it you have an agent to improve the appetite, facilitate digestion, regulate the bowels, and give tone to the nervous system and vigor to any organ in the body, thereby imparting health and strength. MANUFACTURED AND SOLD BY G. H. APPLETON, Druggist, - - - Palmer, Mass. 50tr

GRAIN STORE!

The subscriber would respectfully announce to the people of Three Rivers and Vicinity that he is prepared to furnish FLOUR, GRAIN, MEAL, FEED, &c., in large or small quantities, at the store lately occupied by Frank Shaw in Three Rivers. I can give the best of GOODS and as GOOD BARGAINS as can be obtained anywhere. Give me a call. W. M. HAYNES. Three Rivers, Feb. 16th, 1877. 47tr

ALL KINDS OF LIGHT GROCERIES

FOR SALE, VERY CHEAP! Chemical Pure Cream Tartar, Cooking Soda and Baking Powder. FINE TEAS, COFFEES, &c. GENUINE SPICES, Cinnamon, Ginger, Cloves. Allspice, whole and in powder. EGGS WANTED. G. H. APPLETON. 25tr

GUARDIAN'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

By license of the Probate Court for the county of Hampden, will be sold at public auction, at the office of C. L. Gardner, Esq., in Palmer, in said county, on Tuesday, the third day of April next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, all the right title and interest of M. H. Jenks, Amelia D. Weeks, Reuben E. Weeks, Johnnie A. Weeks and Isabel J. Weeks, minors, in and to the homestead of the late Mary C. Harwood, situated in South Wilbraham, in said county. ENOS CALKINS, Guardian. 3w51

OFFERED AT A BARGAIN!

A brand new single-barrel American SHOT-GUN, made by Hyde & Shattuck, Springfield. Pronounced by sportsmen to be A No. 1. Will be sold at a bargain if taken soon. 45L Address J. H., Box 113, Palmer.

SALEM LEAD COMPANY.

Warranted PURE WHITE LEAD.—Well known throughout New England as the WHITEST, FINEST and BEST. LEAD TAPE, 5.8 in. wide, on reels for Curtain Sticks. LEAD RIBBON, from 2 1-2 to 8 inches wide, on reels for Builders. LEAD PIPE, of any size or thickness. At lowest market prices for goods of equal quality. FRANCIS BROWN, Treas., Salem, Mass. 1y46

FOR SALE!

A thorough-bred AYSHIRE BULL, fourteen months old. Also, EGGS from PLYMOUTH ROCK FOWLS, warranted pure bred, \$1 for fifteen. Monson, March 1, 1877. W. M. TUCKER. 49tr

FASHIONABLE DRESSMAKING!

Mrs. W. CRICHTON announces to the Ladies of Palmer and Vicinity that she is prepared to execute their orders promptly and artistically. Two APPRENTICES WANTED. Residence nearly opposite the Blanchardville school house. Palmer, March 1, 1877. 49tr

25 CARDS, with name, 11 styles, for 10 cents and stamp. Agents' outfit and samples, 10 cents. Address Henry C. N. Cross, Card Printer, Box 12, Thorndike, Mass. 4w51

DR. C. T. STOCKWELL, Dentist. Office 374 Main street, Shaw's Block, Springfield, Mass. Residence, Chicopee Falls. 1y48

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ANTIQUE HOUSE, by J. W. Weeks, east of the railroad bridge.
G. H. APPLETON, Drugs, Patent Medicines, Stationery, Periodicals, Confectionery, Toys, &c.
E. S. BROOKS, Watchmaker, Jeweler, and Engraver, Commercial Block.

Mrs. A. C. COLLINS, Millinery, 58 Main St.
CONNOR & BARRETT, Billiard Rooms, Cross's Block.
H. G. CROSS, Ambrotype and Photograph Rooms, Cross's Block.

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A Mother's Diary.

Morning! Baby on the floor, Making for the feeder, Smiling seems to make it sweeter, Baby "on a bender!" All the spoons upset and gone, Chairs drawn up in file, Harassed strings all strung across, Doughty make one smile, Apron clean, curls smooth, eyes blue, (How these charms will divide!) For I rather think—"don't you?" Baby "is a swindle."

Noon! A tangled, silken floss Getting in blue eyes; Aprons that will not keep clean, If a baby tries! One blue shoe untied, and one Underneath the table; Chairs gone mad and and blocks and toys, Well as they are able; Baby in a high chair, too; Yelling for his dinner, Spoon in mouth; I think—"don't you?" Baby "is a swindle."

Night! Chairs are all set back again, Blocks and spoons in order; One blue shoe beneath a mat Tells of a wanderer; Apron folded on a chair, Plaid dress torn and wrinkled, Two pink feet kicked pretty bare, Little fat knees crinkled; In his crib, and conquered, too, By sleep, best evengel; Now I surely think—"don't you?" Baby is an angel!

THE COST OF A TRAIN.

At the time when the first open court of law was established in Russia, a lady dressed with the utmost elegance, was walking on the Moscow promenade, leaning upon her husband's arm, and letting the long train of her rich dress sweep the dirt of the street.

A young officer, coming hastily from a side street, was so careless as to catch one of his spurs in the lady's train, and in an instant a great piece was torn out of the costly but frail material of the dress.

"I beg a thousand pardons, madame," said the officer, with a polite bow, and then was about passing on, when he was detained by the lady's husband.

"You have insulted my wife," "Nothing was further from my intention, sir. Your wife's long dress is to blame for the accident which I sincerely regret, and I beg you once more to receive my apologies for any carelessness on my part." Thereupon he attempted to hasten on.

"You shall not escape so," said the lady, with her head thrown back in a spirited way. To-day is the first time that I have worn this dress, and it cost two hundred rubles, which you must make good."

"My dear madame, I beg you not to detain me. I am obliged to go to my duty at once. As to the two hundred rubles—I really can not help the length of your dress, yet I beg your pardon for not having been more cautious."

"You shall not stir. That you are obliged to go on duty is nothing to us. My wife is right; the dress must be made good."

The officer's face grew pale. "You force me to break through the rules of the service, and I shall receive punishment."

"Pay the two hundred rubles and you are free."

The quickly changing color in the young man's face betrayed how inwardly disturbed he was; but, stepping close up to them both, he said with apparent self-command:

"You will renounce your claim when I tell you that I am—a poor man, who has no thing to live on but his officer's pay, and the amount of that pay hardly reaches this sum of two hundred rubles in a whole year. I can, therefore, make no amends for the misfortune, except by again begging your pardon."

"Oh! any body could say all that; but we'll find out if you have nothing but your pay. I declare myself not satisfied with your excuses, and I demand my money," persisted the lady, in the hard voice of an unfeeling woman.

"That is true—you are right," the husband added, dutifully supporting her. "By good luck we have the open court now just in session. Go with us before the judge and he will decide the matter."

All further protestation on the officer's part that he was poor, that he was expected on duty, and so forth, did not help matters. Out of respect to his uniform, and to avoid an scene, he had to go with them to the court room, where the gallery was densely packed with a crowd of people.

After waiting some time, the lady had leave to bring her complaint.

"What have you to answer to this complaint," said the judge, turning to the officer, who seemed embarrassed and half in despair.

"On the whole very little. As the lateness of the hour, and being required on duty, compelled me to hurry, I did not notice this lady's train, which was dragging on the ground. I caught one of my spurs in it, and had the misfortune to tear her dress. Madame would not receive my excuses, but perhaps now she might find herself more disposed to forgiveness, when I again declare, so help me God, that I committed this awkward blunder without any mischievous intention, and I earnestly beg that she will pardon me."

A murmur ran through the gallery, evidently from the people taking sides with the defendant, and against long trains in general and the lady in particular.

The judge called to order, and asked, "Are you satisfied with the defendant's explanation?"

"Not at all satisfied. I demand two hundred rubles in payment for my dress."

"Defendant, will you pay this sum?" "I would have paid it long before this had I been in a position to do so. Unfortunately I am poor. My pay as an officer is all I have to live on."

"You hear, complainant, that the defendant is not able to pay the sum you demand of him. Do you still wish the complaint to stand?"

An unbroken stillness reigned throughout the hall, and the young officer's breath could be heard coming hard.

"I wish it to stand. The law shall give me my rights."

There ran through the rows of people a murmur of indignation that sounded like a rushing of water.

"Consider, plaintiff, the consequences of your demand. The defendant can be punished only by being deprived of his personal liberty, and by that you could obtain no satisfaction, while to the defendant it would prove the greatest injury in his rank and position as an officer who is poor and dependent upon his pay. Do you still insist upon your complaint?"

"I still insist upon it."

The course the affair was taking seemed to have become painful to the lady's husband. He spoke with his wife urgently, but, as could

be seen by the way she held up her head and the energy with which she shook it, quite uselessly. The judge was just going on to further consider the case, when a loud voice was heard from the audience:

"I will place two hundred rubles at the service of the defendant."

There followed a silence, during which a gentleman forced his way through the crowd and placed himself by the young officer's side.

"Sir, I am the Prince W——, and beg you oblige me by accepting the loan of the two hundred rubles in question."

"Prince, I am not worthy of your kindness, for I don't know that I shall ever be able to pay the loan," answered the young man, in a voice tremulous with emotion.

"Take the money, at all events. I can wait until you are able to return it." Thereupon the prince held out two notes of a hundred rubles each, and coming close to him, whispered a few words very softly. There was a sudden lighting up of the officer's face. He immediately took the two notes, and turning to the lady, handed them to her with a polite bow.

"I hope, madame, you are satisfied."

With a malicious smile she reached out her hand for the money.

"Yes, now I am satisfied."

With a scornful glance over the crowd of spectators, she prepared to leave the courtroom on her husband's arm.

"Stop, madame," said the officer, who had suddenly become like another man, with a firm and confident manner.

"What do you want?"

"The look that the young woman cast upon him was insulting as possible."

"I want my dress," he answered, with a slight but still perfectly polite bow.

"Give me your address, and I will send it to you."

"Oh, no, my dear madam, I am in the habit of taking my purchases with me at once. Favor me with the dress immediately."

A shout of approbation came from the gallery.

"Order!" cried the judge.

"What an insane demand!" said the lady's husband, "My wife cannot undress herself here."

"I have nothing to do with you, sir, in this matter, but only with the complainant. Be so good, madame, as to give me the dress immediately. I am in a great hurry; my affairs are urgent, and I cannot wait a moment longer."

The pleasure of the audience at the expense of the lady increased with every word, until it was hard to enforce any approach to quiet, so that either party could be heard.

"Do not jest any more about it. I will hurry and send you the dress as soon as possible."

"I am not jesting. I demand from the representative of the law my own property."

The judge, said the officer, raising his voice. The dress, thus appealed to, decided promptly.

The officer is right, madame. You are obliged to hand him over the dress on the spot."

"I can't undress myself here before all these people, and go home without any dress on," said the young woman, with anger and tears.

"You should have thought of that sooner. Now you have no time to lose. Either give up the dress of your own accord, or—"

A nod that could not be misinterpreted brought to the lady's side two officers of justice, who seemed about to take upon themselves the office of the lady's maid.

"Take your money back and leave me my dress."

"Oh no, madame; that dress is now worth more than two hundred rubles to me."

"How much do you ask for it?"

"Two hundred rubles," said the officer, firmly.

"I will pay the sum" the weeping lady's husband responded, promptly. "I have here five hundred rubles. Give me pen and paper and I will write an order upon my banker for the remaining fifteen hundred."

After he had written the draft the worthy pair withdrew, amidst hisses from the audience.

Query. Did the lady ever again let her train sweep the street?

LITTLE THINGS.

Josh Billings thus discourses on little things, and there is much good sense in his discourse.

An orange peel on the sidewalk is a little thing but it may cause a giant.

A little thing is a little thing, but it is recorded in the great ledger in heaven.

A hornet's sting is a little thing, but sends a schoolboy home howling.

The tung is a little thing but it fills the universe with trouble.

A penny is a very little thing, but the interest on it from the days of Cain and Abel would buy out the globe.

A baby is a little-see-thing, but a constable was once a baby.

A word is a little thing, but it has been many a man's destiny, for good or evil.

A minute is a little thing, but it is long enough to pull a dozen akin-teeth, or to get married and have your own mother-in-law.

A lag dog is a little thing, but he is a very little thing besides.

Life is made up of little things. Life itself is but a little thing; one breath less, then comes the funeral.

UNCONSCIOUS INFLUENCES.

One taper may light a thousand; one wave lifts another: One influence may win an unnumbered lives. Our influences mingle and mingle, our characters are largely the result of all the influences we have met. Our very faces and expressions of countenance, which are reflections of our true character, are silent but perpetual influences. It is not so much when we assert that we are conscientious, as when we are accidentally discovered doing some conscientious act, that the force of our character is felt. A man may talk virtuously, but if he lives in secret an impure life, his unconscious influence for evil will destroy the efforts of his words. Character influences independently of its professions and the influence of character is the heaviest weight in the scale of life. A good life will preach under circumstances when no words are uttered, and will stimulate good in others when silently pursuing its own purpose.—*Christian at Work.*

Disraeli says:—"Evening dress is a style of costume: sanctioned by society for enabling ladies to display their natural beauties with a profusion worthy of a Grecian statue."

UNCLE SAM'S CLOCK.

At the navy observatory in Washington stands the clock that regulates time for the whole country. It is not beautiful, like many French clocks that noisefully tick upon the parlor mantle; in fact, it is large and tall, with plain face, and body of dark wood, and without ornamentation. It is much like the old fashioned clock that stood in our grandmother's kitchen. It nowhere touches either the floor or walls of the building, but is securely fastened to a stone pier, which rests on a solid foundation, so that it may not be affected by any motion of the building or ground. Rains may descend, floods come, winds blow and beat upon the house, but the clock feels it not, for it is built upon a rock. It is a splendid time keeper. At the present time it gains at the rate of .48 of a second per day.

In order that the people all over the country may have uniform time, so important to railroads, and other public conveyances, at three minutes before twelve each day this clock is connected by means of a galvanic battery, with the wires of the Western Union telegraph, which extend into the room containing the clock. All other messages, however important, must give way for these three minutes, and in every town and station from Maine to California, where there is a telegraph operator, as the pendulum of the clock ticks, each second a click is recorded by the telegraph, and at the very instant of twelve two clicks are given.

At the same instant a huge black ball which is drawn up a few minutes before descends upon the dome of the observatory, and hundreds all over the city stand, with watch in hand, to see it drop, keeping, as we may say, "ball time." Thus, when this drops, a click in every large town in the land tells the hour of twelve.

The clock is also connected with the fire alarm in Boston, and the time is sent to the central office, and then sounded by the three church bells that give the alarm.

Another thing in the room where the clock is, would interest the boys who are delighted with anything that pertains to a ship. The room may be termed a government depot, for here are some two hundred ship chronometers. They are simply large sized watches, and are furnished to every sea-going vessel. Here they are kept several months to be regulated, and their accuracy tested by the clock. The officer in charge examines them daily at a certain hour, and carefully rates the time kept by each.

When a government vessel is ordered to sea, this officer takes them with all possible care to the vessel, protecting them as far as possible from all sudden jags or violent jolting.

When on his cruise, the captain also rates daily the time kept by the chronometer. He marks the time between the moon and some star by his quadrant, which he verifies by his nautical almanac. One was seen at the observatory that had been absent three years, with an eastern squander, and had varied during the whole time but a few seconds.—*Wide Awake.*

LATVING FOR HIM.—It having come to the ears of the United States officials at this point that Big English the bootblack, had a handful of lead nickels in his possession, the boy was yesterday interviewed on the subject.

"Yes; I've got nineteen half nickels in my trousers pocket," was the prompt reply.

"Mind what are you doing with them?"

"Holding right to 'em. You needn't think you've got a case again me, for you haven't."

"How did you get those bad pieces?"

"Rich man, who shall be nameless—black his boots every morning—hands me out a lead nickel—thinks he's got a soft thing on me, but I'm laying for him!"

"How?"

"Why, he's got a daughter 'bout my age. I'll be thinking of marrying in two or three years more, and I'll shoulder a bag of his nickels, walk into the parlor, and gently say: 'Mind what are you doing with them?' and I demand her hand in marriage. Behold the proofs of your vile perfidy, and come up to the rack or go to the jug! You just keep still, and let him shower out his bogus coins. I ain't handsome, but I'm a terror to plan!"

—*Detroit Free Press.*

HE WAS A WIDOWER.—The cars were running through a deep cut, where rocky walls re-echoed the noise of the train with startling effect. A pale dejected looking man sat by an open window, through which came the deafening roar. A lady on the next seat expressed her dislike of the noise in such terms, that a gentleman requested the pale man to lower the window. This the pale man refused to do, and sat drinking in the confusion of sounds with an expression of great satisfaction. As soon as the cars stopped the passengers expressed their contempt of the pale man for his rudeness. The pale man stood up in his seat and said: "Gentlemen, I don't want you to think me a hog, but I've been married for eleven years, and last month my wife died. I've lived a terrible lonesome life since then, until I heard the noise of the cars coming through that cut, and you're no idea how it brought back old times, and revived me." The passengers forgave him.

LIFE.—Life is an earnest battle. It is no trifle to have a nature fearfully and wonderfully made—strong desires that must be avoided, fatal proclivities that must be resisted and overcome. And therefore it is that we so much need that early discipline which it is hard to see whether parents and governors are more slow to apply, or children and youth more reluctant to receive. Let the fault lie where it will, it is a fatal fault. Success, usefulness, virtue, happiness, peace, salvation, heaven—all depend upon entering life fully armed in suitable moral harness; with proper convictions as to what the exposures, dangers and temptations of body and soul are, and with such settled rules, habits and principles, such a trained conscience, such an established reverence for God and duty, as must deprive the world of all its power to deceive and betray.

A Pittsburgh paper speaks of a young man "who shot himself in the West End one evening last week. There is nothing like being explicit. The young man is severely but not fatally wounded; but if he had shot himself in the Southwest end, and a little northerly veering southeasterly, there would have been no hopes of his recovery.—*Norristown Herald.*

A Nevada man who had seven homely daughters, got a paper to hint that he had seven eggs filled with gold in his cellar, and every girl was married within five months.

Love, Drink and Debt.

Son of mine! the world before you
Spreads a thousand secret snares
Round the feet of every mortal
Who through life's long highway fares,
Three special let me warn you,
Are by every traveler met;
Three, to try your might of virtue—
They are Love, and Drink, and Debt.

Love, my boy, there's no escaping,
The common fate of men;
Father had it; I have had it;
But for love you had not been.
Take your chances, but be cautious;
Know a squall is not a dove;
Be the upright man of honor;
All deceit doth murder love.

As for drink avoid it wholly;
Like an adder it will sting;
Crush the earliest temptation.
Handle not the dangerous thing.
See the wrecks of men around us—
Once as fair and pure as you—
Mark the warning! Shun the pathway
And the hell they're tottering through.

Yet, though love be pure and gentle,
And from drink you may be true,
With a yearning heart I warn you,
Against the worst of all the three,
Many a demon in his journey
May be the best you'll get.
They were lums, e'en old Apollyon
To the awful demon debt!

With quaking heart and face abashed
The wretched debtor goes;
He starts at shadows, lest they be
The shades of men he roves;
Down silent streets he furtive steals,
The race of man to shun,
He shivers at the postman's ring,
And fears the drea'ful din.

Beware of Debt! Once in, you'll be
A slave to him, and he'll be true,
If credit tempt you, flatter "No!"
And show it to the door.
Cold water and a crust of bread
May be the best you'll get.
Accept them like a man, and swear—
"I'll never run in debt!"

LETTER FROM NEW YORK.

From our Regular Correspondent.

A LVELY SOCIETY—THE SPRING OPENINGS—ANNA DICKINSON AS AN ACTRESS—THE FIGHT OF THE BULLS AND BEARS.

NEW YORK, April 13, 1877.

The New York Port Society is doing a wonderful work among the sailors! Its glory is somewhat dimmed and its light hidden by the older, larger, and better known Seamen's Friend Society, and many people think they are one and the same. In this they are greatly mistaken. The Port Society is a purely local affair and looks particularly after the souls of sailors that come to and go from this city. The Seamen's Friend is more of a national institution and is much more general in its labors. The Port Society is composed of about thirty of our wealthiest and best christian gentlemen. The President is the Hon. Geo. W. Lane, formerly chamberlain of the city. It has a small neat church on the corner of Catharine and Madison streets, with reading rooms, conference rooms and pastor's study attached. The pastor is the Rev. E. D. Murphy, formerly of Indian Orchard, Avon, Conn., and during the war a laborer of the Christian Commission. He has been in his present charge for thirteen years. We were attracted especially to the Society by an item in the *Witness* which stated that 702 persons had united with the church during the past eighteen months, and that as many as seventy-five joined on one Sunday? This was such an astounding announcement that we felt impelled to call upon the pastor and see if it were true.

We found Mr. Murphy a large, fine looking gentleman of open countenance and pleasing manner well calculated to win the heart of Jack, and we have since learned that the sailors converted under Mr. Murphy never forget their pastor, but as soon as they arrive in port they call upon him, generally presenting him with some token of remembrance from a foreign shore. He informed us that the figures were entirely correct, and also that he can show the names of every member of his church, which now numbers nearly fifteen hundred. Of course, they are never together at one time, being upon ships in every quarter of the globe, but always enough on shore to crowd his church from the pulpit to the door at every Sunday service. Few churches can boast of such a membership and fewer yet such an accession in a year or even ten years. This great good is due in a large measure to three female missionaries, who visit the sailor boarding houses and low dens and persuade the men to leave their cards and guns and come to church. They hold meetings every night in the week, each night being in a different language. The meetings are crowded constantly and several rise at once to speak or pray. "When a sailor is converted he is converted all over." We recommended strangers to visit this church and take home with them some of the enthusiasm so often needed in country prayer meetings.

The Journal.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 1877.

They have resorted to a new method in Minnesota for destroying the grasshoppers. The Governor has set apart a day of prayer throughout the State, imploring God to exterminate the pest. If this plan should succeed we may expect other States similarly afflicted to adopt the same method.

CONTRARY to general expectation the lower house of the Legislature has passed to a third reading the old Prohibitory Law. It will come up for engrossment next Monday. The Democrats predict that if it passes both branches they will carry the State next fall. It is doubtful if the Senate will pass the bill, and if it does Governor Rice may not be favorably disposed.

THE Bender family, which carried on such wholesale murder in Kansas, several years ago, filling a small cemetery with their victims, has been caught again, this time in that State, and Old Bender, his wife, son and daughter promptly lynched. No less than once or twice a year, for the past four or five years, a similar story has come from the West. The family ought to be used by this time.

WE have had our Annual Fast—the Governor's Sunday, which has come to be observed by a large portion of the people who observe it at all, as more of a holiday than a fast day. It no doubt has its utility with those who observe it in the spirit for which it is intended, but in reality it is more a holiday than a fast day, and people very generally have little more respect for it than any other day.

LOTISIANA troubles do not get settled very fast by the commission sent down there by the President. Paekard stands his ground well, though he offers to submit his case to the decision of the President. The commission have almost daily hearings and the more they hear the more doubtful they must feel as to what course it is best to pursue. Gov. Paekard's election was, no doubt, all right, and he takes a strong position in telling the President that his title to the Governorship is as good as Mr. Hayes' is to the Presidency. The result is not yet quite clear.

THE trouble in South Carolina has been settled very easily. Gov. Chamberlain, on the request of the President, has quietly retired from the State House and turned over all the records to Gov. Hampton. The troops were withdrawn on Tuesday and perfect quiet reigns. The parting address of Chamberlain was appropriate and crisp. He does not consider that his title to the Governorship is destroyed, but says he yields to the superior powers of the President. All other officers of the Chamberlain government retired with him, and now it remains to be seen how well Hampton will redeem his promises. Chamberlain will settle down to the practice of law in Charleston.

PEOPLE do live to be very old sometimes, but it is seldom one gets to be one hundred. There is not usually much comfort in living to that age—second childhood, when one becomes of no use to himself and is generally a great trouble to everybody else. Such persons are sort of historical keepsakes to the public and serve to make a good newspaper notice once a year. One of these relics was Capt. Frederick Lahrbrush, a Frenchman, who recently died at New York, at the age of 111 years. His age had many times been disputed, but his story of dates, &c., seemed to establish his assertion. He was born March 9, 1766, in the 6th year of the reign of George III., when Louis XV. ruled France, and Frederick the Great was Emperor of Prussia. At that time Maria Theresa was Empress of Austria, and Wm. Pitt was only seven years of age. This was three years before Napoleon was born, but sixty years ago he was his guard at St. Helena. This man fought in the Peninsular war. He knew Blucher, Ney, Eugenic and other distinguished persons of that period. He left the British army sixty years ago, married and came to this country. He lost his wife and fortune by shipwreck. His father was a French Huguenot, who was exiled from France, went to Prussia, acquired the favor of Frederick the Great, and was sent by him to London in a diplomatic capacity, where he married an English lady.

THE Spring opens early. Farmers in many places are already plowing, and some of them have put in early potatoes with an idea of getting the tubers well matured before the bugs get to multiplying and devouring the plants. This plan will be likely to prevent a later drouth from damaging the crop as it did last year. The grass and winter rye are starting up finely and show no signs of having been winter killed. The season is certainly two or three weeks ahead of last year in its progress towards summer, and with ample time afforded, the farmer should prepare for large harvests, remembering, however, that harvests are what the sowers and cultivators make them. There is room for the employment of a great multitude of idle hands, who may be useful in making the country rich in agricultural products, and themselves workers instead of beggars. With the large number of hands now in want of work, the East should not be dependent on the West as it has been in the past twenty years. It can raise its own beef, its own corn and oats, and many other crops as well as to bring them from the West. We have overrun the East with manufacturing, having too much machinery for the demand, and having deserted agriculture as a profitable business, till our villages and towns are full of starving people, it is now time to swing back more generally to the business which made our fathers so prosperous and is sure to give willing hands prosperous employment.

Miraculous Escape from the Gallows!

In last week's paper we noticed that John P. Phair was hung at Windsor, Vt., on Friday, for the murder of Mrs. Annie E. Frieze, a respectable woman living in the outskirts of Rutland, June 9, 1874. Phair was relieved, however, at the last moment, and under very singular and thrilling circumstances. A reporter of the Boston Globe, who had been with Phair to write up an account of the matter and attend his execution, published a statement from him in the Globe on the morning he was to have been executed. That statement declared that at 4 o'clock of the morning of the murder he left Rutland and went to New Bedford, and returned next morning to Boston, and the same day to Rutland, where he was arrested. It was very evident that if this story was correct Phair could not have committed the murder, nor sold to the Jews in Boston articles of wearing apparel, &c., which they had sworn he did sell them, but there was no evidence at his trial to prove an alibi. On the morning set for his execution, however, a merchant in Boston, M. D. Downing, hearing his clerk speak of an execution to take place in Vermont that day, he sent out and got a Globe, and on reading Phair's statement about going to New Bedford to get work, and returning next day, remembered of being on a train from New Bedford about that time with a young man who said he was from Rutland, Vt., and turning back to his diary found that it was on the very day Phair had named. He then hurried to the police office and was shown a number of hundred photographs, and immediately he picked out Phair's as that of the man he met on the train from New Bedford. His next business was to rush to the telegraph office and send word of his discovery to Gov. Fairbanks of Vermont. The Governor was not at home, but by vigorously telegraphing in all directions a dispatch reached him while he was in the telegraph office at St. Johnsbury. It was then after one o'clock P. M., and Phair had made ready for the execution. A crowd had gathered outside the jail at Windsor, and the moments were rapidly passing with the condemned man, when suddenly a message from the Governor ticked over the wire to the jail, or at Windsor. The operator rushed to the prison, and just twenty-four minutes before Phair was to have been launched into eternity a reprieve from the Governor was announced.

The defense in this remarkable case was based upon two points: (1) that the prisoner went to Providence on June 9; (2) that the name "E. F. Smith" in a hotel-register and on a pawnbroker's ticket was not written by the same hand that wrote it on a sheet of paper in the Rutland jail. One of the best experts in New England has declared that the identity of penmanship is unmistakable. If, however, Downing identifies the prisoner as the chance acquaintance whom he met on the cars, the expert's testimony may go for nothing. The Governor can extend the reprieve until the Legislature meets, and a special act can then be passed by which a new trial may be ordered.

Vermont has once before come near executing an innocent man. Two brothers named Boorn were convicted of having murdered Russell Colvin, a brother-in-law, a person of weak mind, who was considered a burden by the family who supported him. A quarrel had taken place between the three men in a field, and one of them struck Colvin on the head with a hoe, felling him to the ground. Colvin at once disappeared, and suspicions began to gain ground that he had been murdered. This was in 1812, and seven years afterwards the two brothers were arrested, charged with the murder. The missing man's hat had been found in the field, and some bones had been discovered near a stump where a fire had been built. A pocket knife and button of a coat, belonging to Colvin were also found. On this evidence the brothers were convicted and sentenced to be hung. Being told if they would confess, their sentence would be commuted, they did so, but the sentence of only one of them was changed. As the time of execution drew near, the brothers advertised for the missing man, and a farmer in New Jersey took home a New York paper with the advertisement in it. His hired man read it and became greatly agitated. He declared to the farmer that he was the man advertised for, and as only a short time intervened before the day set for the execution of Boorn, no time was to be lost. This was before the age of railroads and telegraphs, and a messenger was dispatched on horseback, while Colvin followed by regular conveyance. On his arrival at Manchester, where Boorn was imprisoned, he was recognized by all the people, and great rejoicing took place. The condemned man was allowed to come out of prison and fire off a cannon. As soon as proper steps could be taken in the courts the Boorns were set at liberty, and since that time Vermont has not been in haste to execute her criminals.

ANOTHER VERMONT TRAGEDY.—An insane man named Hiram Arbuckle, living near East Montpelier, Vt., shot a boy of 16, badly wounding him, and then killed his brother-in-law, a man of 50, shooting him three times. When the officers came to arrest him, he suicided by shooting, and thus saved the State the bother, expense and uncertainty of a trial. He was thirty years old and unmarried. Insanity runs in the family.

ROBBING A BANK BY DAYLIGHT.—The Sixth National Bank on 35th street, New York, was entered by burglars in broad daylight, Monday, and a safe containing \$2500 in silver rifled. The robbery was committed between 1 and 4 p. m., and as the safe can be seen from the outside on three sides of the building, it was a very bold deed, and speaks well for "the best police in the world," who did not discover it until 4 o'clock.

A German Prince has been marrying five or six Iowa girls.

LOCAL BUSINESS NOTICES.

Eager makes French-craft sewed boots for \$7 to \$8.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

The Palmer National Bank declares its second dividend to-day.

Central street had a pleasant little elopement all by itself this week.

Last meeting of Palmer Lyceum at Union Hall, Thursday evening next.

Rev. C. H. Eaton will preach in Wales Hall to-morrow, morning and evening.

Fast Day services were held at the Congregational church only, Thursday afternoon.

Geo. Ball of Stafford is now canvassing Palmer and the Brookfields for Zell's Encyclopedia.

The D.Y. W. Y. K. club dance at Weeks Hall Wednesday evening next, and have a supper below.

Rev. Mr. Sumner of Monson, occupied the Second Congregational pulpit Sabbath in exchange with the pastor.

C. H. Perley, the gentlemanly clerk of the Nassawano House, has accepted a like position at Syracuse, N. Y.

The ball of the A. O. H. last week was a success, over 40 couples being on the floor, and dancing until the small hours.

Next Wednesday evening, Mrs. Baldwin and Mrs. Crawford at Wales Hall, with Shakspeare's Midsummer Night's Dream.

H. G. Cross, the Palmer photographer, is offering special inducements in photographs to clubs of ten, for the next 30 days.

Elder Geo. L. Teeples of Westfield delivered a lecture on "Egyptian Pyramids" at the Advent Chapel, Tuesday evening.

What has become of the Eastern Hampden Thief Detecting Society? Has it accomplished its work, and quietly gone to its reward?

Alonso Esau, a colored chicken stealer of this place, was arrested by constable Palmer at New London last week, and brought back for trial.

Our district court has had 1128 cases on its record since its organization in July, 1872. Only one case, that of chicken stealing, was up this week.

Mrs. Laura Childs entertained the Ladies Society of the Second Congregational church, at her pleasant residence on South Main st., Wednesday evening.

John A. Brakenridge of this village is now traveling salesman for George S. Jennings, a wholesale and retail florist of Brookfield. He solicits your patronage.

The Reform club will hold a meeting in Wales Hall to-morrow, at 5 P. M. All are invited to attend, and to bring Gospel Hymns and join in the singing.

The base ball fever has broken out thus early, and on Fast Day the Second Lone Stars of this village beat a Thorndike club 18 to 2, and did not consider it much of a feat either.

The Spring-like days start the young people out upon the inviting hills in search of the lovely, sweet-scented arbutus, and the pleasant Sundays make glad the hearts of the livery men.

The "Marble K. Ferrell farm" was sold Monday, to O. B. Sykes of Ludlow, for \$6125, and a lot of the personal property of Mr. John Ferrell will be sold at auction next Wednesday.

The nights are becoming romantic, but the young men should be careful about taking their fair innamoratas out too soon for a moonlight ramble, as the doctors have their hands full already.

The A. O. H. chose their secretary, John L. Wilder, as delegate to their annual state convention at Worcester, Fast Day. A county convention will be held in Palmer next Tuesday to elect a county delegate.

All who admired and enjoyed the profuse and elegant floral displays at the Second Congregational church for the last two months will regret to hear of the departure of the generous donor, Mrs. Miner, for a Western visit.

The schools in the village re-opened Monday, with no change except in the grammar school, where Mrs. Baldwin succeeds Miss Warner, who has been one of our most faithful, thorough and hard working teachers, for several terms.

For first class frescoing, E. J. Wood claims superiority, and invites all in want of good work in that line to call and see samples of his work. He is located at the new painting-house time, and his work in all departments has given him a good reputation.

Six bids were received for painting the school-houses in town, ranging in price all the way from \$190 to \$580 for the same specifications. Query.—If one man could afford to do the work for \$190, how much would the other one profit at \$580, and vice-versa?

The Springfield Grand Army Post give a dramatic presentation of "Allatone, or the battle in the clouds," at their opera House, each evening of next week. The characters are all local amateurs and the proceeds are for the benefit of the relief fund. See advertisement.

The Superior court has turned out quite a grisly week, some of its doings being the convicting of Nathan W. Scott from Wilbraham, of larceny, and of Charles H. Goff of Palmer, for unlawful cohabitation with the housekeeper, Edna Smith. This case will be amicably adjusted, Monday morning, by marriage of the parties. A verdict of not guilty was returned in favor of John M. Royce of Monson, accused of an assault.

A large party from this village had been gathered to attend the Booth "receptions" at Springfield, Monday and Tuesday nights, but as the Springfield sharks gobbled up all the tickets as soon as they were on sale, the Palmer folks were placed in the predicament of mother Hubbard's dog. A few, however, ventured in, and ran their chances of getting even standing room. The house was packed both nights, the receipts being \$2392.

James Fitzgerald, formerly a workman in the Monson quarries, who was given a three-years' sentence in May, 1875, to the House of Correction, for a murderous drunken row, has been pardoned by the Governor's council, as he is in the last stages of consumption. The circumstances of the fracas are still fresh in the minds of our readers, especially in Monson, where it was the entering wedge of a brief temperance revival. Fitzgerald, it is expected, will at once remove to Hartford, where some of his relatives now live. He is unmarried and only about 24 years of age.

The Palmer Dramatic Club gave a benefit performance Thursday evening, and took \$60, although the price of admission was only 10 and 15 cents, so that over 450 people must have been present. Never has the club played better, the actors were well adapted to their parts, and had lost almost entirely the stage appearance which so often mars the

public enjoyment of an amateur drama. Their audience was the largest that has ever been in the hall since the opening night, and coming after the great number of attractions we have been having, attests the popularity and good home reputation of the club.

The following assignments of ministers were made in the Springfield M. E. District, at the recent conference:—Presiding elder—George Whitaker, Wilbraham, Willard T. Perrin; South Wilbraham, J. A. Day; Ludlow Centre, N. H. Martin; Palmer, C. T. Johnson; Belchertown, John Capen; Bondville, D. K. Merrill; Enfield, A. Day. Rev. Mr. Gordon goes to Greenfield, Rev. A. Adams to Oxford, W. Silverthorn to Highlandville. In Worcester District, H. Summers (or Lummis) goes to Uxbridge; J. Noon at Wales; J. Peterson, Ware; F. Nichols, Warren; J. S. Barrows at West Warren.

THREE RIVERS.

The appointment of Daniel Holden as postmaster of this village has been received from Washington, and is generally satisfactory to the people of the place.

The "Three Rivers Variety Combination" give an entertainment at the Baptist Vestry next Thursday evening, 19th inst. Their programme gives a full bill of vocal pieces, farces, character, songs, etc. Admission 15 cents. P. J. McKee, the champion Lancashire eel dancer will surely appear.

BRIMFIELD.

John Morgan of Brimfield is the happy possessor of a beautiful toy, in the shape of an automaton bird, which was sold by lot in Springfield, Saturday, for the benefit of a poor family of that debt-burdened city.

At the adjourned meeting this week the following appropriations were made: Roads and bridges, \$1,800; schools and school houses, \$200; paupers, \$1000; salaries, \$400; miscellaneous, \$200; discount on taxes, \$250; snow paths, \$200; town history and poor house repairs, \$1050; the dog fund is to support the town library.

WILBRAHAM.

Representative Sessions is convalescent and has been brought to his own home.

The Congregational church held Fast Day services, Rev. M. Howard, officiating.

Collins' Depot is soon to have a new business block.

Mr. Lovell of Amherst is taking pictures at the academy boarding house this week.

Rev. Mr. Bishop, the former pastor, is to preach at the M. E. church to-morrow.

Col. Conwell lectured on "Lawyers," last (Friday) evening under the auspices of Club society.

During the storm last week Thursday, the weather grew colder so that while the snow at the foot of the mountain melted as fast as it fell the higher parts were white with snow and the tops hidden by the clouds. The next morning the mountains reminded one of the snow-capped mountains of the colder climates.

MONSON.

W. K. Flynt has purchased the Dea. Rodolphus Homer property, consisting of a dwelling house, barns, and some 9 acres of land.

Harrison Graves has bought a building lot on Flynt street of W. S. Nichols, and has commenced the foundations for a building.

W. N. Flynt & Co. have made arrangements with the B. & A. railroad to furnish them with their rough and cut stone for the ensuing year. They have a job of granite trimmings for a block in Worcester, and also stone work for the Catholic cathedral in Hartford, Ct.

The Monson people make up an appreciative audience, and the musicians at Prof. Wheeler's concert last week were encouraged by their constant applause. Miss Annie Feeney was cheered after singing her operatic solo with splendid effect. Misses Ella, Sadie and Fannie Stimpson, daughters of the well-known pianoforte manufacturer, performed a trio on the piano, which brought out their best practice, and Miss Fannie Stimpson on the violin, with cornet obligato by Liberatori, was a fine success, and we shall expect to hear of her greater fame in the years that are to come. Messrs. Liberatori, Colburn and Teague, on the cornet, clarinet and harmonica, were very popular, while A. D. Norcross sang "A Marine's Home's the Sea" in a splendid voice. Prof. Wheeler's piano solo was "Chanson des Alpes," in which, and in following the voice as an accompanist, he won many a compliment. The company are hoping to re-visit Monson later.

WARE AND VICINITY.

The Grammar school has 47 pupils this term.

A Fast Day snow squall—something rare, visited us Thursday.

The "Ticket of Leave Man" has been postponed for the present.

Alphonzo Laeoste shot two large wild geese Thursday morning.

The Young Men's Library Association are re-aligning their library.

The quarterly returns of the Ware Post Office just sent in amount to \$386.56.

Jerome Gates will be the juror from Ware at the term of court which meets the 16th.

The Unitarian Social Club play "Rum" or "The First Glass" in the Unitarian vestry, 24th.

West Warren White Stars beat the Crafts of Ware 65 to 19 in a game of base ball Thursday.

The Congregationalists have held meetings all the week in accordance with the call issued by Mr. Moody.

Dr. H. S. Davis, Homoeopathist, from Lowell, has taken rooms in Lawton's block, opposite Eddy, the Printer, where he will attend to all who call.

It is estimated that there were four hundred barrels of beer sold in town last year and about half as much liquor of a stronger kind, or about \$14,000 worth.

The E. Cong. Benevolent Society chose the following officers for the ensuing year, Thursday: President, John H. Storrs; Vice President, C. C. Hitchcock; Secretary, A. E. P. Perkins; treasurer, Wm. Hyde. The collections of the church for the last year were for Mass. Home Missionary Society \$543.30; Am. Miss. Association, \$323.41; Am. Bible Society, 138.50; Mass. Total Abstinence Society, 918.65. A. B. C. F. M., \$1294.05; A. B. C. F. M., toward debt, \$556; Home Miss. Association, \$550; total, \$8430.31. In addition to this there were legacies from O. Sage to different objects amounting to \$11,000.

The great event of Thursday was the trial of engines. The companies formed at one o'clock, headed by Johnson's drum corps, (colored) of Worcester, and marched through South, Chesnut, East, Pleasant, North, Water and Main streets, where a halt was made, and a trial of the machines made for throwing a perpendicular stream, and the result was the between machines, each throwing 12 feet above the Unitarian church steeple or about 127 feet high. Then the companies marched to Canal street, where a horizontal stream was thrown by each machine, the result being the best stream for the old machine, 155 feet, and for the new 202 feet.

HORRIBLE HOLOCAUST!

Twelve Lives Lost by the Burning of a St. Louis Hotel!

About 1.25 Wednesday morning the great Southern Hotel at St. Louis was discovered to be on fire, and in less than an hour the whole structure was in ruins. On account of the elevators, stairways and rotunda, it was less than ten minutes before the flames reached the sixth story, although they originated in a basement store-room. So rudely awakened from sleep the inmates attempted to escape, but many were driven back by the clouds of smoke in the halls, and obliged to jump from the windows. The greatest panic was among the help, in the sixth story, and the greatest loss of life was in the upper stories, as the ladders were not long enough to reach the windows. The hotel was one of the leading houses of the Southwest, built of sandstone, 200 feet square, and cost originally \$1,250,000. The loss on the hotel is \$750,000, on which is an insurance of \$432,000.

Twelve lives are known to have been lost. Miss Kate Claxton, the actress, who acted so coolly at the burning of the Brooklyn theater, barely escaped with her life, and loses all the clothing and property she had with her. The firemen worked hard to rescue the victims, but could do little or nothing to stay the flames. Three men were made insane by the panic, one of them shooting himself soon after his escape. Two Boston men are among the guests who are known to be safe. Peter Blow, son of the former Brazilian minister, and the German consul both escaped with broken limbs. Although only twelve persons are known to have perished, there are many people missing, and the thorough search of the ruins, which is now in progress, may bring to light bodies of other victims. Many thrilling and hair-breadth escapes are reported, and the women display unusual boldness in lowering themselves from the fifth and sixth stories by ropes thrown to them.

BRIEF MENTION.

Another lodge of colored Good Templars has been organized in Boston.

A Dedham man, enraged at his neighbor, is building a 14-foot fence between the lots.

Brigham Young has lost 27 mothers-in-law since 1861.

President Hayes considers Friday to be his lucky day.

Now is the time to set out false hair.

Vulcan red and mandarin yellow are the two leading colors.

Women over 21 can vote for school officers in Minnesota.

An exchange asks, "May cousins kiss?" Certainly, if their aunts ain't looking.

Rows of buttons, lapped as if strung on a thread, are used on all kinds of dresses.

The Boston & Albany Railroad has sold 20 tons of old tickets to a paper manufacturer for two cents per pound.

The increased use of the sewing machine is noticeable on the handsomest Paris dresses.

Ribbons appear everywhere in ladies' toilets; they are even worn in the cars.

Miss Schurz, who is a Washington belle, has brown hair and large brown eyes.

Silver buttons are used on light woolen dresses.

At the close of last month the mountains around Messina, Sicily, were covered with snow, a very rare event in that country.

Boston consumes 30,388 gallons of milk daily, at an estimated cost of \$3,549,318.40 per annum.

The glass-blowers of Zanesville who have struck because they could make only \$6 or \$8 a day are to be pitied.

Florists are following the fashion in cultivating the yellow flowers of the season, such as buttercups, jonquils, cowslips and primroses.

The King of Siam is yet a young man, being only 24 years of age, but withal the father of a son of 9 years and husband of nine wives.

Mr. Tilden was thrown from his carriage on Monday and considerably bruised about the shoulder.

Talmage calls Wall street "an aquarium of sharks."

President Lerdo of Mexico will probably visit Boston.

The South Carolina State Prison contains 400 colored inmates and 30 white.

General Sam Cary has been found guilty in court of appropriating \$28,000 intrusted to him to buy a Colorado mine.

A NOVELTY.—A new device in the use of flowers has just come into vogue in Paris. It is the wearing of a small bunch of natural flowers on the shoes in place of the lace and ribbon rosettes, of a few seasons ago. The favorites are primroses, yellow on one shoe, purple on the other, or mixed on both. Violets are much worn and daisies are just coming in.

On the 17th of April there will be a gathering of one hundred thousand workmen in London, who propose to go in procession to Parliament to demand the release of Orton, known as Tiehorne. There may be a disturbance.

It is estimated that since the panic of 1873, and during a period when there was need of earning and saving every dollar, there has been a direct loss of \$300,000,000 to the workmen of the United States by means of strikes.

An infernal machine filled with dynamite was discovered in a cask of wine by the customs gaugers at New York, Tuesday afternoon.

The heavy rains in the past two weeks are due to the fact that 1877 has fifty-three wash-days.

A grand ball in Boston, Monday night, netted \$2000 for the Old South Preservation Fund.

THE LEGISLATURE.

From our own Correspondent. Boston, April 10.

The House 'played it alone' on Friday, while the Senate were 'doing' the Tunnel and 'bull-dozing' the Trojans, had a 'full hand' and probably carried all its 'points' but the proceedings were so distressingly dry, that it was a difficult matter to get up any interest therein.

We understand that the claims committee have reported 7 to 4—not 7 to 8—in favor of the Shanly claim, and it will probably be carried through both houses. It is given out that unless the Shanly's secure their claim they are hopelessly bankrupt, and as a matter of simple justice to these courageous and energetic men, the State is called upon to reimburse them the amount expended for extra work which the strict interpretation of the contract did not call for. But it seems somewhat discouraging to the tax-payers to be continually called upon for 'outgoes' from the tunnel, and perhaps the present generation may as well make up their minds to transmit this expensive bore to their children and their children's children with all its annual demand upon the treasury, and its army of commissioners, and managers. Possibly a very simple method of computation might demonstrate the exact amount of time which would be required for the Tunnel to absorb the whole Commonwealth—at the rate matters have been going on in that direction—for as Mr. Paine said at the opening hearing upon the subject, matters of this kind have now assumed such a shape that the thing is narrowed down to the simple issue—whether the State should own the railroads, or the railroads the State. It would be well to try both plans, and whichever gives the better satisfaction should be adopted.

That ancient and entirely profitless and superfluous ceremony of preaching the election sermon is still to be kept up, though what possible fitness attaches to the ceremonial in these modern times it is hard to discover. The legislature of the present day are wonderfully 'mixed up' in their religious tendencies, and the sublime and touching spectacle of 'hard-shell' Baptists and Roman Catholics trudging side by side through the slush and snow to listen to some young apostle of the Unitarian faith, is a sight to 'rouse the Gods.' Then it is a matter of profound gratification to the Christian people of the Commonwealth that the championship of this matter this year, has fallen into such appropriate hands, for the devout and irreproachable Tonkins of East Boston, offered the order for the election of a preacher for the next year, and no doubt as he did so, his 'great white soul' was filled with every feeling of emotion as he contemplated the wickedness around him. That preaching of the gospel should receive encouragement from some source is not at all surprising, but that this encouragement should so unexpectedly show itself in the Falstaffian member from the Island Ward, was enough to draw tears from the stoutest of hearts, and—the House wept.

The Westboro investigation 'drags its slow length along' and has thus far failed to develop anything very remarkable save the fact that they have had some pretty young desperadoes to deal with at that establishment, and the Superintendent 'stands fire' without a scratch. There are some public officials who are always strengthened by an 'investigation' and while this remark may not apply 'all round,' still, in the matter of the Westboro case, we think the State should be congratulated that, up to the present time, the official conduct of the principal authorities, stands uninjured by anything that has as yet been brought to light. What may be revealed by the aldermanic wisdom of Boston it is difficult to forecast, but perhaps it may be demonstrated that 'that strap' was tanned with hemlock bark instead of oak, and the 'sweat-box' was not constructed of 'kiln-dried lumber. It is a matter of great regret to all those who have the interest of Massachusetts at heart, that the petty jealousies of public officials should be the means of producing so much unnecessary 'scandal' in reference to our public institutions, thus bringing the fair fame of the Commonwealth into disrepute throughout the country, when the truth of the matter is that all our charitable establishments are—almost—far in advance of those of other States of the Union, and equal to anything abroad.

When there are no more institutions to 'investigate' the legislature will probably adjourn, and leave the proposed commission on the State charities to 'keep up the fire,' while the 'advisory board' will carry out the dead and wounded, and thus continue to make things merry for all those who are exposed 'at the front.' There is already some talk with reference to the composition of that 'reconstructing' commission, and while many persons have been mentioned, we do not learn that any of them have been given with authority, and in all probability the members thereof will be selected without any very perceptible pressure from any quarter whatever. We presume, however, that the Tewksbury authorities, with their Middlesex influence, will make a strong effort to place Mr. Sanborn upon the commission, and some little effort may be made for Mr. Harris of Springfield, by the charitable department of that city. It will be an easy matter to select an 'advisory board'—that great movement towards reform which has been inaugurated this winter—and it has been suggested that perhaps the three ex-mayors of the Monson establishment might 'fill the bill' for that institution, and give satisfaction to all concerned.

The work of the Judiciary committee is being doled out in dribbles, and the debates upon various changes proposed being confined almost exclusively to the lawyers, the other members take little interest in them, and those from the rural districts begin to think that the novelty of the thing has worn off, and it is about time they were at home attending to their Spring work. When there is something of special importance going on all legislatures are apt to drag in their work about this time, and the speaker begins to think he is a martyr to the public good, and while he may be disposed to hang out so long as there is necessity for the session to continue, there is no doubt but that the soft pluck of that 'chair,' commences to feel 'uncomfortable' than otherwise, and the 'roll call' gets to be a perfect nuisance.

The suspension bridge at Niagara Falls is reported, after a thorough examination, to be entirely safe. Of 1450 wires constituting the four large cables, only ten of the minor ones were found corroded, and these have been replaced by the new ones. No time is yet set for a resumption of traffic.

Twenty-five subscribers have already been found at Spencer who have agreed to give \$23,500 of the \$45,000 needed for the proposed new railroad from

CAUTION.—A correspondent of the Boston Herald cautions the public against the use of the handsome marbled "iron ware" which is just now coming into extensive use in the form of tea-pots, milk-cans, sauce-pans, dippers, spoons, etc., denouncing it as poisonous, upon the authority of Dr. Hayes, the State assayer, who says that the enamel contains lead and arsenic in dangerous proportions:—"The ware is very handsome, is manufactured in New York city, and is coming into extensive use. It is quite liable to be found in our kitchens, and in the kitchens of our "restaurants" and "hotels," and of all the poisonous things which now enter into our food—drink, medicine, and the wall-papers, which adorn our houses, is one of the most dangerous."

The New England Homestead published by Henry M. Burt of Springfield, has been started again after a few months suspension, and is brighter and better than before. No farmer in Western Massachusetts can afford to do without it, and we might include every business man also. It not only treats of Agriculture, but has a choice selection of other reading which helps a family to much enjoyment. Just try it for a month or two and you will keep right along.

A MARBLE MOUNTAIN.—Not far from Salzburg, Austria, is a great mountain which consists of nothing but beautiful marble. The stone masons cut out blocks and columns of it, take them to the great city, and build palaces of them, while the chips are used to make playing marbles for the young folks.

INTERESTING TO LOVERS.—The case of Mrs. Garren of Bridgeport against Ormel E. Morgan for \$50, the value of food, fuel and lights consumed while he was courting her daughter, whom he finally didn't marry, has been withdrawn by the defendant paying the claim.

A REFRESHING THOUGHT.—The strange experiment of selling refreshments in a first-class theatre is being tried in the Globe, Boston. Uniformed boys pass through the auditorium between the acts with ices and lemonade.

A law has just been passed in Indiana requiring the doors of every theatre, church, college, school and other public building to be made to swing outward within sixty days, under penalty of \$1000.

The present debt of the city of Hartford, exclusive of county and school liabilities is \$70 per capita, and the Hartford papers are somewhat anxious about it.

The legislature of Indiana has passed a bill forbidding the changing of text books in public schools oftener than once in six years. Bully for Indiana.

A new comet has been discovered, moving north, with a short wide tail. It is just visible to the naked eye if one knows where to look for it.

Vice President Wheeler's wife has been dead hardly a year, but it is stated that an Albany lady will soon fill her place.

The 20th anniversary of Spiritualism was celebrated by meetings, lectures and a ball, at Boston, Saturday and Sunday.

See advertisement N. Y. \$1 variety store. 4w2

Martin & Smith, lumber dealers, on Lyman St., Springfield, have tobacco boxes for sale cheap.

The newest thing out is the new style of business suits, made to order at S. C. Ray's, 417 Main St., Springfield.

The Mary Stuart Perfumery is said to be the nobly thing now, at Springfield. Burdett & Co., near the Depot, keep it.

Alfred the Great would have been a happier man if he could have sat in one of those easy chairs, sold so low at Metcalf & Luther's, Springfield.

Ash and painted chamber sets for \$20 and upwards, can be found at G. A. Hunt's furniture ware rooms, opposite Haynes Hotel, Springfield.

A car load of wooden chairs have just been received at Yearnall's furniture store, 438 Main St., Springfield. He offers bargains also in Bartlett's glass ware, crockery, &c.

Belden & Westwood, the popular book-binders at Springfield, beside their unusually large amount of orders for book-binding, have also an order for several thousand pieces of fancy work. They employ some 10 hands, and their shop occupies the entire third floor of the large building corner of Main and Taylor streets, No. 239 Main street.

C. A. Risley & Co., the new stone merchants, 273 Main St., Springfield, beside their large stock of marble and granite, are introducing the new Columbian marble from Rutland, which for beauty, finish, hardness, durability and variety of colors, excels Italian marble. It resembles polished granite, and being turned by machinery, costs 10 to 15 per cent. less than other marbles.

One of the prettiest millinery openings of the season was that of the Misses Chamberlin & Streeter, at 318 Main street, last Tuesday and Wednesday. The excellent taste of the proprietors was seen in every appointment of their cosy store. The show windows were brilliant with fashionable yellow ribbons, varieties of laces, and new hats in all styles. A womanly hat gracefully trimmed with delicate blue silk ribbons, rose and buds; blue pompano canary silk bows, pearl ornaments bordered with delicate lace of very airy texture; a child's hat of finest Leghorn straw, deftly trimmed with white velvet, delicate blue feathers, agrette and pearl ornaments; a chip hat trimmed in the new sea foam shade of green were all very lovely admired. A dark drab satin hat with canary colored ribbons and blue roses was very lovely. The mirrors were set in wreathes of laces and flowers, and several elegant bouquets of artificial flowers in scarlet, pink, blue and white colors nestled in chip hats suspended through the store. Silks of various hues shone resplendent in the windows and cases. The rooms were thronged both days with visitors, and the exquisite taste displayed in the make up of the hats and bouquets, the very moderate charges as well as the polite attention of the proprietors and their pretty assistants, alike won favorable comment.

No store in Springfield has in so short a time obtained such a celebrity for boots and shoes at the lowest prices, as Fay's, 382 Main St. One price to all and fair dealing with every one is what has done it.

The "Stockbridge Fertilizers," prepared by W. H. Bowker & Co., of Boston, under the formulas of Prof. Stockbridge, are being used largely by the farmers in this vicinity. They were used on over 4000 acres in New England alone last year, and nearly all reported favorable results. Farmers should try this principle of manuring. According to the analysis of each particular crop, as the most economical method. They can order a small or large quantity of the manufacturers with a certainty of success.

Every Invalid Should Know It. The reports from all parts of the country confirm the statement that Dr. Jager's great vegetable remedy called "MEDICAL WOODBURY" is having an immense sale by all druggists. The proprietors do not expend enormous sums for flaring advertisements, but prefer to let the medicine advertise itself by sending to druggists throughout the country, sample bottles, for trial, at a cost of many thousands of dollars per year, that invalids may test its merits before purchasing a large size. No person suffering with dyspepsia, indigestion, liver or kidney complaints, sour stomach, sick headache, habitual constipation, scrofulous humors, spinal disease, weakness of male or female, or general nervous prostration of either sex, can take this remarkable medicine without soon seeing its good effects. Go to your druggist and get a sample bottle for 15 cents, and try it; or a large size for \$1.00. It has cured where all other remedies had failed. Sold in Palmer by G. H. APPLETON. 1y38

Don't Spend a Dollar until you have tried this.

Wood's Improved Hair Restorer is unlike any other, and has no equal. The Improved has new vegetable tonic properties; restores gray hair to a glossy, natural color; restores faded, dry, harsh and falling hair; restores, dresses, gives vigor to the hair; restores hair to premature bald heads; removes dandruff, humors, scaly eruptions; removes irritation, itching and scalp dryness. No article produces such wonderful effects. Try it; call for Wood's Improved Hair Restorative, and don't be put off with any other article. Sold by all druggists in this place, and dealers everywhere. Trade supplied at manufacturers' prices by C. A. COOK & CO., Chicago, Sole Agents for the United States and Canada, and by Weeks & Potter, Boston. 9m23

"My cough shakes me to pieces," gasps the victim of that distressing visitation. Shake it off, then, with "Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tar." Any cough can be put to flight with that wonderful pectoral elixir. Sold by all druggists. Pike's Toothache Drops cure in 1 minute. 4w52

LYON'S KATHARON prevents the hair from falling out or turning gray, renews its growth, and gives strength and vigor. It is delightfully perfumed, and makes a splendid dressing. It is the cheapest and most desirable Hair Tonic ever produced. Used by the elite. Price only 50 cents. 1y226

BORN.

At Thornhill, 10th, a son (Fred Browning) to HARRY B. BISHOP.
At Ware, 9th, a daughter to Rev. J. L. MARSH.
At Ludlow, 9th, a son to ALBERT FULLER.
At Enfield, 1st, a son to CHARLES and ELLA WHEELER; 2d, a daughter to HENRY UPTON.

MARRIED.

At Thornhill, 10th, DANIEL NOLAN of Ware and MARY MCCORMICK of Thornhill.
At Littleton, 3d, by Rev. W. G. Tuttle of Ware, GEORGE H. TUTTLE and CAROLINE A. R. STOUGH.

At Brookfield, 10th, GEORGE W. ELY of Wilbraham and H. EDITH HAYDEN.

DIED.

At Mittineague, 11th, HONORA FITZGERALD, 62.
At Agawam, 7th, CYNTHIA EAT, 67, wife of Dea. Alfred Worthington.
At Agawam, 7th, CHARLES W. LEANARD, 60.

C. A. RISLEY & CO., Stone Merchants. Turned Columbian Columns a Specialty. Tablets, Headstones, Mantels and Shelves. Come and see them at 273 Main Street, Springfield, Mass. P. O. Box 930. 6m3

HOUSE AND SIGN PAINTING!

I am now prepared to do all kinds of painting, graining and tinting, plain and decorative paper hanging, at Prices to suit the Times. All orders promptly attended to. 1y3 H. T. HUNTINGTON.

R. G. SHUMWAY & CO.,

Manufacturers and Retailers of First-Class BOOTS and SHOES of every description. No. 2 Barnes Block, Main Street, Springfield, next to Forbes & Wallace.

Have the lowest and prices the lowest in the City. Goods sold at wholesale and by mail solicited. Factory at South Norwalk, Conn. 4w3

"HOLD THE FORT."

Haynes Opera House, Springfield, every night during the week, beginning April 16, 1877. Gen. Kliputnick and Col. J. Owen Moore's beautiful and thrilling Military and Historical Drama.

ALL AT ONCE,

or, the Battle in the Clouds, including the storming of the Fort, which suggested the popular hymn, "Hold the Fort, for I am Coming." The play will be produced by

WILCOX POST of the G. A. R., assisted by Ladies of the City, Southland's Full Orchestra, a Full Cornet Band, the City Guard, 50 Muskets, a fine Male Quartette, and a host of auxiliaries. For the benefit of Needy Soldiers and the Widows and Orphans of those who fell in the Late War. The play will include correct representations of Cadet Life at West Point and Army Life in Georgia. Tickets ready three days in advance.

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L. H. MAYOTT, Dealer in Westchester, Sharp's, Maynard, Ballard, Remington, Stevens and Spencer RIFLES & AIR GUNS, BREACH & MUZZLE LOADING SHOT GUNS, Cartridges, Paper Shell, &c., Fishing Rods, Hooks, Lures, and Artificial Flies of all kinds.

GENERAL REPAIRING.—Guns, Revolvers, Locks, Keys, Umbrellas, Parasols, Fishing Rods, Cane, Sewing Machines, and all kinds of Stencil Cutting and Engraving. Also, the new American Powder Co. Best brands and blasting powder. 435 Main Street, opposite Court Square, 2m3 SPRINGFIELD, Mass.

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Used on over 4000 Acres Last Season. Prepared by an Experienced Chemist, for particular Crops, according to what the crop contains and requires to make it grow. Put up in bags, (no charge for bags) marked with the guaranteed analysis—and full directions for use. \$22.00 POTATOES " " (top dressing) 10.00 HAY " " (seeding down) 20.00 OATS " " 10.00 CABBAGE " " 55.00 Send orders stating crop to be used for. "Bowker's Pasture Fertilizer." "Bowker's Lawn Dressing." "Bowker's Hill and Drift Fertilizers." Brighton Fertilizer, (Blood, Bone and Meat), Superphosphate, Bone and other Fertilizers at LOWEST CASH PRICES.

W. H. BOWKER & CO., 43 Chatham St., Boston. 4w3

DR. C. T. STOCKWELL, Dentist. Office 374 Main street, below the Block, Springfield, Mass. Residence, Cheshire Falls. 1y48

CASKETS.

I am now prepared to furnish Stien's Patent Burial Casket, in

BLACK OR WHITE BROADCLOTH

or Purple Velvet. The nicest Casket made in this country. Also Pall Cloth and Table for such occasions. Have on hand a splendid assortment of

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of all kinds for sale. All of these articles I will furnish at LOWER PRICES than they can be bought in any City.

FLOWERS OF ALL KINDS

furnished when wanted. J. S. LOOMIS. 21f Palmer, April 4th, 1877.

THE ESTEY ORGAN

May be seen at our store, for which we are SOLE AGENTS in this vicinity.

SOLD LOW FOR CASH, OR ON THE INSTALLMENT PLAN.

Melodions or old instruments taken in exchange.

ORDERS RECEIVED

for any style of PIANO or any other musical instrument. An assortment of PIANO STOOLS on hand.

ALLEN & COWAN.

Palmer, April 7, 1877.

NEW MUSIC JUST RECEIVED!

Sold to Teachers at a Discount.

At ALLEN & COWAN'S.

SCHOOL BOOKS!

And everything wanted for School purposes at lowest rates.

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THE ANTALGICA

Is a MEDICINE FOR ALL SEASONS, and should be in every family. It is a sure antidote for ALL PAIN—EXTERNAL or INTERNAL.

It has been in use for more than a quarter of a century, and still surpasses any other Pain Killer made. Prepared only by

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NEW ENGLAND CATARRH REMEDY

Is the surest and best remedy known for the cure of that terrible disease, Catarrh.

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CENTENNIAL EXHIBITION!

It contains 400 fine engravings of buildings and scenes in the Great Exhibition and is the only authentic and complete history published. It treats of the grand buildings, wonderful exhibits, curiosities, great events, etc. Very cheap and sells at sight. One agent sold 35 copies in one day. Send for our extra terms to agents and a full description of the work. Address NATIONAL PUBLISHING CO., Philadelphia, Pa.

CAUTION—Unreliable and worthless books on the Exhibition are being circulated. Do not be deceived. See that the book you buy contains 512 pages and 400 fine engravings. 4w3

BOOK See this. Only \$1.50 capital required to start canvassing for MARK TWAIN'S NEW SCRAP-BOOK. Apply, with stamp, to John K. Halliwell, 139 East Eight St., New York. 4w3 CANVASSERS.

SELECT THE BEST!

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207 PEARL STREET, NEW YORK.

From the thousands of purchasers of our PREPARED PAINTS, we have yet to hear the first complaint. The reason is apparent. Our Paints have stood the test of years, where all other paints have failed in durability. Their covering capacity, being greater than any other paint, presents a practical item of economy. Our paints are GUARANTEED in every particular—the consumer assuming no risk whatever, as we will re-paint any persons from harboring or trusting her on my account, as I shall pay no debts of her contracting after this date. L. J. ROYCE. 4w2

FOR SALE BY

GEORGE ROBINSON,

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RUTLAND MONUMENTAL WORKS.

The subscriber continues to represent the Monumental Works of Geo. F. White of Rutland, Vt., in the sale of

MONUMENTS, TABLETS, HEAD-STONES, Etc., in this vicinity, and can usually be found at the N. E. R. R. Depot, prepared to show a variety of Drafts, Views and Photographs of the plainest and most elaborate patterns, and at the LOWEST PRICES at which

FIRST-CLASS WORK

from the best material can be afforded.

Applications by mail promptly answered.

Palmer, Apr. 4th, 1877. O. L. SLAYER. 4w2

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I am now prepared to do all kinds of

PAINTING, GRAINING and TINTING,

by experienced and practical workmen. Also, will give special attention to

PAPER HANGING & WALL DECORATIONS.

I shall also keep on hand a splendid line of PAPER HANGINGS and BORDERS; also, French Papers and Borders, comprising some of the finest patterns manufactured at

PRICES TO SUIT THE TIMES.

Satisfaction guaranteed in every case. Orders can be left at Smith & Co's. store.

Palmer, April 7th, 1877. E. C. SEXTON. 3w2

LADIES WISHING

To see the Latest Novelties of the Season are invited to call at

M. E. SEDGWICK'S ROOMS,

PLEASANT STREET, where they will find a good assortment of Spring Millinery, just opened.

DRESS-MAKING promptly attended to. 4w2

NOTICE.—Whereas my wife, Lizzie, has left my bed and board, this is to forbid all persons from harboring or trusting her on my account, as I shall pay no debts of her contracting after this date. L. J. ROYCE. 4w2

JUST RECEIVED!

About 100 tons of PLASTER and 2000 bushels of SEED OATS. FOSKET & HOLBROOK. 1w2 Palmer, April 6th, 1877.

WANTED.—PLAIN WASHING AND

IRONING to do at home. Will call for it, if desired. House near the Foundry. MRS. CALVIN PORTER. 8w2

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Where to go to spend it,

—AT THE—

New York \$1 Variety Store,

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Having been recently enlarged to double its former size, now offers a fine assortment of

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Card Receivers, Cuspidors, Chromos, Mirrors, Lamps, Satchels, Traveling Bags, Shawl Straps, Music Rolls, Folios, Writing Desks, Work Boxes, Stereoscopes and Views, Moerscham Pipes, Clocks, Doll Perambulators, Wagons, Carts and an endless variety of Staple and

FANCY GOODS, TOYS, NOTIONS, &c.

4w2

1877. A CARD. 1877.

TO THE READERS OF THIS PAPER. Greeting: Another Spring has come, another President has taken his seat, and the "good time" so long coming is about to dawn. The undersigned makes his annual bow—this time a little lower than ever before—and cordially invites you all, when in Springfield, to look in at the "Centra Shoe Store," and see our elegant stock of new Spring Styles, and the reduced prices. Don't fail to give us a call, whether you want to buy or not. We shall be happy to show you, and you will find us in our best vein, every time.

Very respectfully yours, O. D. MORSE, Proprietor Centra Shoe Store, 376 Main St., Springfield.

Sign of the Boot and Shoe

4w2

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—HAMPSHIRE SS. PROBATE COURT. To the next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of Samuel B. Gould, late of Springfield, in said county, deceased, intestate: Whereas, application has been made to said court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to S. S. Taft of Palmer, in the county of Hampshire.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Springfield, in said county of Hampshire, on the first Tuesday of May next, at nine o'clock before noon, to show cause, if any you have, against granting the same.

And the applicant is hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once a week, for three successive weeks, in the newspaper called the Palmer Journal, printed at Palmer, the last publication to be two days at least before said court.

Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esq., Judge of said court, this fourth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven. 3w2 SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.

CASH STORE.

We have just opened at 59 Main street, a fresh stock of

GROCERIES,

Flour, Provisions,

Stone and Glass Ware, &c.,

Which we propose to sell CHEAP

FOR CASH ONLY!

We are going to do a STRICTLY CASH BUSINESS, and as we shall lose no money on poor accounts we can afford to sell cheaper than any merchant can who gives credit.

AND WE SHALL DO IT!

CALL AND SEE US AND LEARN OUR PRICES!

SMITH & CO.

Palmer, Feb. 8th, 1877. 59 Main Street. 3m40

ALL KINDS OF

LIGHT GROCERIES

FOR SALE, VERY CHEAP.

Chemical Pure Cream Tartar, Cooking Soda and Baking Powder. Fine TEAS, COFFEES, &c. GENUINE SPICES, Cinnamon, Ginger, Cloves. Allspice, whole and in powder. EGGS WANTED. 25f G. H. APPLETON.

ENVELOPES!

ALL QUALITIES AND PRICES.

Printed to order, At the JOURNAL OFFICE.

THE LARGEST AND

BEST FEED CUTTER

In the market is sold by ELI N. FAY of Monson and for the LEAST MONEY. Before buying please call and see them. 49tf

TENEMENT TO RENT!

One of ten rooms, first-class, in the village Also, a Carpenter's Shop. Enquire of M. FOX. 48tf Palmer, March 2, 1877.

LOST.—A gold open-faced Lady's Watch

with gold dial, between Main Street, Palmer, and the State Primary School. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving the same of the JOURNAL OFFICE. 4tf Palmer, March 31, 1877.

!! ATTENTION !!

CLOTHING, HATS, CAPS

—AN D—

Furnish ing Goods,

388 Main Street,

OLD STAND OF F. J. PARKER & CO.

Whole Stock for Sale, either at Retail or in Bulk.

MR. J. A. BALDWIN, having taken this stock, will sell it at much below cost, to close it an opportunity of obtaining years' wear so low that you will After the goods are sold the

Springfield, Jan. 1877. 42tf

FORBES & WALLACE

This week offer the following

Extraordinary Bargains !!

Everything will be found just exactly as advertised:

15 Pieces Black Gro Grain Silk at - \$1.00

10 " " " " - 1.25

15 " " " " Extra Quality 1.50

14 " " " " Best Quality 2.00

Good Bye!
A contraction of "God be with you."
"Good bye! Good bye, my darling!"
Why start the tears?
Why rise the fears?
"May God be with you!"
Because our human love, so brave and fearless
With loved ones might
Is weak and impotent at parting,
Can only say "good bye!"
May God be with you!
We feel the frailty of our strongest safeguards
And flee to prayer,
That higher love and stronger power
Will guard and care
The dear ones—never loved so dearly
As when we fear
Our earthly lives may always thus be Sundered—
Yet God is near.
May He be with you!
May, "in the hollow of His hand," He keep you
Safe from all harm;
A strength that shall sustain you,—
The everlasting arm.
May God be with you!
A sacred blessing this I crave for thee,—
Why should I fear?
The blessing word of God's own presence
Forever near.
Good bye—may God be with you!

THE SHINING HOSTS.
I have read, says Spurgeon, of one who dreamed a dream, when in great distress of mind, about religion. He thought he stood in the outer court of heaven, and he saw a glorious host marching up, singing sweet hymns, and bearing the banner of victory; and they passed by him through the gate, and when they vanished he heard in the distance sweet strains of music.
"Who are they?" he asked.
"They are the goodly fellowship of the prophets, who have gone to be with God."
And he heaved a deep sigh as he said:
"Alas! I am not one of them, and never shall be, and I cannot enter there."
By-and-by there came another band, equally lovely in appearance, and equally triumphant, and robed in white. They passed within the portals, and again were shouts of welcome heard within.
"Who are they?"
"They are the goodly fellowship of the apostles."
"Alas!" he said, "I belong not to that fellowship, and I cannot enter there."
He still waited and lingered, in the hope that he might yet get in; but the next multitude did not encourage him for they were a noble army of martyrs. He could not go with them, nor wave their palm branches. He waited still and saw that the next was a company of goodly ministers and officers of Christian churches; but he could not go with them. At last, as he walked, he saw a larger host than all the rest put together, marching and singing most melodiously; and in front walked the woman that was a sinner; and the thiet that died upon the cross, hard by the Savior; and he looked long, and saw there such as Mannaiah and the like; and when they entered he could see who they were, and he thought—
"There will be no shouting about them!"
But to his astonishment, it seemed as if all heaven was rent with sevenfold shouts as they passed in. And the angel said to him—
"These are they that are mighty sinners, saved by mighty grace."
And then he said—
"Blessed be God! you and I, too, can go in with that company. Such is my own sense of how I expect to enter heaven, and we will go together, brother sinner, or sister sinner, trusting in the precious blood, and washed in the blood of the Lamb. God grant that it may be so!"

A SEASONABLE HINT.—The medical journals last spring published repeatedly the formula for Dr. Ferriss's new remedy for cold in the head. As the season for that distressing malady is at hand we print the recipe which is: Trinitrate of bismuth 6 drachms, pulverized gum arabic 2 drachms, and hydrochlorate of morphia 2 grains. This is used as snuff, creates no pain, and ceases says the London Lancet, the entire disappearance of the symptoms in a few hours.
It was at a party the other evening. There was a lull in the conversation, which made the host, who was somewhat inexperienced in party matters, somewhat nervous. With a view to relief, he asked a mournful-looking man, who sat like a packing-box in the corner, if he was married. "No, I am a bachelor," stiffly responded the sombre man. "Ah!" observed the host, warming up to the subject, "How long have you been a bachelor?" There was another lull in the conversation.
England has a character who preaches woman's rights after the manner of the Smith Sisters of Glastonbury, Ct. Her name is Miss Rose Hall of Middlesex, who has allowed her goods to be distrained for Queen's taxes, as a practical protest against the exclusion of women householders from the Parliamentary franchise. Twelve silver forks were seized and put up at auction.
The amount of fractional currency now reported in circulation is \$23,000,000, but it is estimated that the real amount in existence is no more than \$7,000,000, the remaining \$16,000,000 having been lost or otherwise destroyed.
There is to be in New York next month the biggest dog show ever seen. It is to be given at the Hippodrome, which ought for the once to be called the Cynodrome, and already there are over 1,500 entries for the exhibition.
American made boots are making inroads upon Europe, and the Swiss shoemakers have sounded an alarm. A Berlin paper says that American boots are sold in Switzerland at \$2 per pair.
The mistress of a religious school in the department of the Yonne, France, has been arrested for severely injuring a child by compelling it to sit on a hot stove as a punishment.
Politeness has been well defined as benevolence in small things.

Gov. Rice has appointed Charles Francis Adams, Jr., a commissioner of the Norwich and Worcester Railroad sinking fund, in place of the late ex-Gov. Washburn.
He who speaks an uncharitable word, no matter how wittily, will, if he have a spark of human nature in him, regret that he did so when the occasion is passed.
A clique of mad office seekers, it is said, are laying pipes for the re-nomination of ex-President Grant at the end of the administration of President Hayes.
One of the saddest sights of these hard times is to see a woman with a five foot husband trying to alter his pants to fit a six foot son.
The Turkish Minister of War has ordered the immediate mobilization of the territorial army at Vilayet, numbering about 25,000 men.

DR. SCHENCK'S STANDARD REMEDIES.
The standard remedies for all diseases of the lungs are Schenck's Pulmonic Syrup, Schenck's Sea Weed Tonic, and Schenck's Mandrake Pills, and if taken before the lungs are destroyed, a speedy cure is effected.
To these three medicines Dr. J. H. Schenck, of Philadelphia, owes his unrivalled success in the treatment of pulmonary diseases.
The Pulmonic Syrup ripens the morbid matter in the lungs, nature throws it off by an easy expectoration, for when the phlegm or matter is ripe a slight cough will throw it off, the patient has rest and the lungs begin to heal.
To enable the Pulmonic Syrup to do this, Schenck's Mandrake Pills and Schenck's Sea Weed Tonic must be freely used to cleanse the stomach and liver. Schenck's Mandrake Pills act on the liver, removing all obstructions, relax the gall bladder, the bile starts freely, and the liver is soon relieved of its burden.
Schenck's Sea Weed Tonic is a gentle stimulant and alterative; the alkali of which is composed mixes with the food and prevents souring. It also acts on the stomach, so that the food and the Pulmonic Syrup will make good blood; then the lungs heal, and the patient will surely get well. Care be taken to prevent fresh cold.
All who wish to consult Dr. Schenck, either personally or by letter, can do so at his principal office, corner of Sixth and Arch streets, Philadelphia, every Monday. Schenck's medicines are sold by all druggists throughout the country.

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By the Still Waters.

Don't you hear the hickory crackling?
Stuffed like, and soft and low;
Sounds just like an army tramping,
Only it's a sign of snow.
Here's a cinder, smoldering, burning,
Drooping in heat, powdered fine;
Don't be frightened, little missis,
It's a coffin, but it's mine.

Let me see the balm of Gilead,
Wavin' by the cabin door;
I won't hear its leaves a rustlin'
In the spring, my caddy no mo'.
Maybe I won't hear de bluebird
Singin' in de apple trees,
But I'll hear de angels singin',
Jey'll have sweeter songs than these.

Hark, is that de thunder rollin'—
See de forked lightning's gleam;
Many a time I've soothed my baby,
When the storm disturbed her dream.
Now de drum—I hear it beatin',
Slow and solemn like, for me,
Maybe it's e waves a breakin',
On de shores of Galilee.

'Twon't be dark, de stars am shinin'
Way above de storm and rain;
De long long protracted meetin'
Campin' on de heavenly plain.
Dere won't be no wallin', weepin'—
Dere won't be no day to part;
Christ will hear me when I knock dere,
He will bind de broken heart.

'Cross cold Jordan's troubled waters,
Unto Canaan's land I fly;
Dere de tree of life is bloomin',
All de hosts am passin' by.
Eaise up, I hear de rustlin',
Angels at de cabin door;
Don't you weep for poor ole mammy,
She won't never grieve no mo'.

PUT YOURSELF IN HER PLACE.

The long summer day had crept slowly away, and it was nearly five o'clock. The hours at the railway station were marked as by some gigantic clock that told the laggard minutes by screeching whistles and clanging bells. The accommodation had gone east, the western express, due there at 4.53 had thundered through the village, gone on over the great viaduct and disappeared round the curve beyond.

So one counted the hours by the trains, Lydia, by name, a girl of the best New England type, quiet, and yet with an immense capacity for doing and daring should love and the occasion demand. The local freight would come next and then,—then she would see him again. She laid aside her work, put some split-zephyr vanity upon her head and went out toward the railroad. As she approached the station she saw her brother, the station-master, opening the little freight house on the farther side of the track. By this she knew that the local freight would stop this time. Her heart beat the faster and she quickened her step.

On reaching the passenger station where the village street crossed the railway, she looked up and down the line and then crossed over and turned to the left and walked beside the track towards the freight house.

To understand all that took place on this occasion, and to fully appreciate her consummate skill in controlling the events so quickly to crowd upon her, we must study the construction of the road at this point. The Main Line for a mile to the right, or toward the east, was perfectly straight and comparatively level. To the left, or the west, it crossed a deep valley by a lofty stone viaduct, and beyond the valley it curved toward the north and mounted the hill by a long grade. Just east of the passenger station a branch road entered the Main Line and there was, as might be supposed, a cross-over switch.

Beyond the passenger station, on the west was a short siding ending in a small freight house and directly opposite was another siding with a freight shed and coal yard. At this point there was another cross-over switch.

Lydia walked on past the freight house, and, crossing the side track, found a large flat rock beside the way and there, under the shade of an ancient apple tree, she sat down to wait till her lover should come.

He comes! She heard the three long whistles sounding far down the line, and a bright blush mounted to her face. The train would stop. That was the signal for the station master. Her brother came out of the freight house, spoke pleasantly to her and then walked on towards the switch at the head of the siding.

Suddenly the Main Line track before her began to sing in sharp metallic murmur. The train had entered that section of the road and he was near. Then there came the sound of escaping steam. The engine was slowing down and the steam, no longer employed, was bursting with a loud roar from the safety valve as if impatient of delay.

With a jar that shook the ground the immense freight engine rolled past her, and the engine, leaning out of his window, nodded to her as she sat past. Then the cars in long procession came into sight and moved by with slowly decreasing speed. Four brakemen busy at the brakes went past and still he came not. At last, the rear car appeared, and a young man swung himself down from the iron ladder on the car and sprang to the ground at her feet.

A sooty man, clad in the blue canvas now black with smoke and dust. Only a brakeman! No; a trifle better—the conductor of a freight train. A year ago he had been glad to take the place of a brakeman, and already he had been promoted. Love did it. He had met and loved Lydia in the days of his foolish idleness, and she had insisted that he do some manly work or she could not—yes, she could and did love him; but he must show himself worthy her love. Already he had advanced, and she was well pleased with his progress, and they had become engaged.

A grumpy, dusty man in unlovely garments; but, in her eyes, he was a man made for better things. As he stood beside her one could see in his clear eyes and sensible face that he had good stuff in him and was worthy of her love.

rumbling ears. They gradually lost their speed and then came to a stop with the end of the train lost in the dark cavern of the freight house. There was a shout from the building, and then one of the brakemen began to move his arms as a signal to go on. Again the white puffs of steam shot up in the distance, and with a jar and quiver the train started again.

Car after car rolled past them. There were hurried whispers, a warm hand-shake, and perhaps a kiss, and then the young man swung forward, grasped the ladder on the last car, climbed quickly to the top and sat down. She stood gazing after him as he was drawn away from her, and smiled and waved farewell to him with her handkerchief.

"Here, Lydia, you must help me."
It was her brother who stood beside her with a bunch of keys in his hand.

"The passenger train follows this at once, and I must go to the station. Will you please close the switch after them?"

She took the keys mechanically, and then turned again to gaze after her lover seated on the last car of the retreating train. It had passed out of the switch and was crossing the great viaduct and moving more and more swiftly away.

To close and lock the switch was neither difficult nor dangerous, and she quietly walked on towards the end of the siding till she came to the switch-post. Here she leaned against the wooden frame for a little space, shading her eyes from the sun with her hand, and watching the train. It had run around the valley and was turning into the great curve that crept upward in a long grade over the hill beyond.

It was now a mile away and she could no longer distinguish any one of the cars. She turned slowly away, seized the iron bar of the switch and easily threw it over into the place so as to leave the main line open for the next train.

She looked back down the road and saw that the passenger train had entered the line from the branch and was just pulling up at the station to discharge passengers. It may seem surprising, that a passenger train should be allowed to follow a freight train so closely.

Bad engineering as this arrangement was, it was not so serious as it seemed, for this passenger train did not follow the freight except for three miles, when it reached the end of its trip and was turned off upon a siding.

She turned once more to look after the retreating freight train. It was in full view, climbing the grade over the great curve.

Suddenly she put both hands to shade her eyes, and leaned forward on the switch-frame. What had happened? Two tiny puffs rose from the engine. It was the signal to stop.

Ah! the train has parted! Faint and far away came the short, sharp danger whistle. A single car had broken loose from the train and had been left behind. It was standing alone on the track.

No. It was moving backward. It was beginning to roll down the grade. It was moving faster and faster. There was a man upon it—her lover.

Involutionarily she spread out her arms and let them fall to her side three or four times in succession—the signal to put on the brake.

How foolish! He cannot see me, and—
She leaned against the switch frame and shook with fear and agony.

The brake was broken.
Swift and swifter rolled the disabled car. It was speeding down the track gaining speed at every rod.

She sprang to the middle of the track and tried to shout to the engineer of the train at the station. She made the motions to back down out of danger. Her tongue clove to the roof of her mouth, and her cry became an inarticulate moan.

Onward came the car. She could see her lover upon it frantically waving his arms from right to left. What did it mean? Her brain seemed to be on fire. She could do nothing, but gaze on the advancing car in dumb horror.

Ah! The passengers. Could she not save them?
With a violent wrench she opened the switch again and stood holding the bar in both hands. Better so—better one life lost than a dozen. Her feet seemed bolted to the ground. She must stay and see him killed, and by her own hand.

The rails began to murmur with the tread of the advancing car now rushing furiously onward to destruction.

Ah! Why had she not thought of it before?
The cross-over switch? Could she reach it in time she might save him. She snatched the key from the switch and ran with frantic speed up the line. She never knew how she opened the switch.

With moans and cries she threw herself across the line and began to run down the other side. Could she reach that switch before the car? His roaring rang in her ears. Panting, with almost bursting bosom, she reached the switch, opened it, and stood clinging to it as the car came thundering over the viaduct.

She looked up at her lover upon the car. He had seen and understood the changes in the switches. His car, helpless though it was, would cross over to the down track and roll harmlessly along the level track till its force was spent. He was saved, and by her ready wit and skill. The passengers in the train were also saved.

She had saved him. Love had been her inspiration.
Great Heavens! what that! The express! the down express was coming!

All was in vain. He was lost. She saw him throw up his arms in despair. The very plan she had devised to save him would be his destruction. Better far to have thrown him off on the siding as she had intended. Now he would meet a more dreadful death, and the destruction would include scores of lives instead of a dozen.

All this flashed through her mind as lightning. She felt her knees give way beneath her, and she clung to the switch in despair. She shut her eyes to hide the coming disaster.

She, too, must do something. With a bound she sprang to the next switch, tore it open and stood panting and moaning beside it with the bar in her hand. She must save the train even if she buried her lover under the splintered wreck of the car.

was sending him to certain destruction—to save the express train.
The instant the car passed the switch she sprang back again to the other switch and closed it just in time to see the express train sweep past in safety.

In an instant the helpless car ran into the freight house with an awful splintering crash. The express pulled up opposite the station, and in a moment a crowd of passengers ran shouting and frantic up the line. Some of them had seen the whole performance and knew what it meant, but for the majority of them it was a tragic mystery.

They found Lydia upon the ground by the switch, and with the keys still clutched in her hand. What had she done? What had happened to her?

She could not answer. Nature had mercifully taken away her senses. They took her up tenderly and carried her to the station and laid her upon a seat in the waiting room. The passengers of the two trains crowded the room and offered aid, for in some vague manner they began to understand that she was the creditor to the value of all their lives. She had paid for their safety with costly sacrifice.

The freight train backed down to the cross-over switch, and the engineers of the three trains met and began to examine the positions of the switches. A number of men also came from the express train, and among them was one who seemed to be in authority. He, too, examined the line carefully, and the engineers explained the matter to him, and listened to his remarks with becoming deference.

The little room in the station was packed with people, idlers and others, and they could with difficulty bring him in.

"No," said one of the ladies who were trying to restore the girl. "It may be too great a shock for her. She must not see him yet."

"Make way there, gentlemen. The superintendent of the road is here."

The crowd moved slightly, and the superintendent advanced into the room. He took off his hat, spoke quietly to the people near, and then he stooped over the unconscious girl and softly kissed her like a father.

"She saved all our lives, and I fear she thinks she paid dearly for them."
Suddenly she opened her eyes and sat up bewildered.

"Where is he? Is he much hurt? Oh! perhaps he is—"
"Let me alone, I tell you," cried a big, bold voice in the crowd. "I must go to her."

He escaped from the crowd who would detain him, and in a moment was beside her. Some of the people laughed in foolish joy, others cried. The more delicate and sensible were silent, for the meeting was not for words or description.

After a slight pause the superintendent said to the young man:
"I congratulate you, sir. You were on the car?"

"Yes, sir. I was on the car and saved myself at the last moment by jumping off. I landed on a pile of coal and got a rough tumble—and that was all. The car is a heap of splinters."

Then the superintendent called the young man nearer to him and spoke to him privately, and presently they shook hands as if greatly pleased over something. The young man sat down beside the girl and whispered in her ear.

"I've got the place, Lydia. We're all right now."
Then the bells rang, and the people began to disperse toward their trains. As they departed, a small creature—probably a stockholder—objected to the proceedings and remarked to the superintendent that "it was not best to give fat calves to brakemen for doing nothing."

"Precisely," said the superintendent. "But the woman did something, and if you wish to know the full measure of her splendid deed, go put yourself in her place."—Charles Barnard, in Golden Rule.

AN IMPUDENT THIEF.

The New Orleans Delta tells the following story:—
A married couple residing in the suburbs of the municipality, of whom "both were young and one was beautiful," had retired to the country to enjoy their usual hour; the gentleman, as usual, depositing his gold watch, and the lady her diamond ear-rings under their respective pillows. They slept quietly and undisturbed till morning, when awaking, the lady remarked—

"My dear, you kissed me in the middle of the night."
"No, I did not," protested the worse half. "I slept soundly all night, too soundly to think of such a thing."

"Oh, fudge!" exclaimed the husband, lifting the pillow to look for his repeater. Great was his horror to find that it was gone. He reminded the wife to look under her pillow for her diamond ear-rings, and still greater was her horror to find the highly-prized last birthday's present of her dear husband was missing. They jumped out of bed and instituted a thorough search for these valuables, but to their great sorrow were not only unable to find them, but discovered that nearly every other valuable article in the room had been stolen by some desperate burglar who had entered the room through the window.

They both began lamenting in terms of deep grief, their respective losses, when suddenly the lady exclaimed—
"Oh, it was that horrible villain kissed me!" and then fell almost into hysterics at the dreadful thought.

"The second!" exclaimed the now thoroughly aroused husband, "he might have taken my watch, my diamond breast-pin, my silver candlesticks and waiters, my silver-mounted pistols, and everything, but to turn around and kiss my wife, while reposing in my arms—that is coming too strong a game entirely."

BUY RED VEAL.—If our readers want to eat the most digestible veal, the most healthful, let them order red veal. If they prefer to eat the real from a calf that has been bled for days before being killed, bled till he is sick and faint, so weak that he cannot stand, and so sick that he cannot eat, let them buy white veal. This cruel process is adopted to please the eye of the customer.

As the veal season is now coming on, we make our annual appeal to our friends to help to discourage the practice of demanding red veal.

I love a serious preacher, who speaks for my sake, and not for his own; who seeks my salvation, and not his own vain glory. He best deserves to be heard who uses speech only to clothe his thoughts, and his thoughts only to promote truth and virtue.

Deeds, Not Words.

Not forever on thy knees
Would Jehovah have thee found;
There are burdens thou canst ease;
There are griefs Jehovah sees;
Look around.

Work is prayer, if done for God,
Prayer which God delighted hears!
See beside you returned and
One bowed beneath affliction's rod;
Dry her tears.

Not long prayers, but earnest zeal;
This ring at high heaven's door,
Put thy shoulder to the wheel;
Bread unto the famished deal
From thy store.

Not high-sounding words of praise
Does God want, 'neath some grand dome,
But that thou the fallen raise;
Bring the poor from life's highways
To thy home.

Worship God by doing good;
Works, not words; kind acts, not creeds.
He who loves God as he should,
Makes his heart's love understood
By kind deeds.

Deeds are powerful; mere words weak,
This ring at high heaven's door,
Put thy love by actions speak;
Wipe the tear from sorrow's cheek;
Clothe the poor.

Be it thine life's cares to smother,
And to brighten eyes now dim.
Kind deeds done to one another,
God accepts as done, my brother,
Unto him.

LETTER FROM NEW YORK.

From our Regular Correspondent.

A "BUSTED" FIRM—THEOLOGY TO BULLS AND BEARS—NEW YORK'S INTEREST IN ST. LOUIS—ONE OF THE DEER-HORSE RANES TO DEATH—A NOTED PREACHER DEAD—THE THEATRES AND WHAT THEY ARE PLAYING—THE GRAND DUKE—A STRANGE MARRIAGE.

NEW YORK, April 20, 1877.

John Jewett & Sons "are busted!" Not financially but physically. Orville D. Jewett got mad because the firm wished him to withdraw and blew the concern up with a hand grenade. He lost his own life, killed his uncle and wounded Mr. Dean, another partner.

All kinds of stories got around at first. Coroner Ellinger tried to prove murder on one or two persons, but now he has changed his mind and says the five bullets found in Orville Jewett's heart were put there by himself! Capt. Pettey of the police says, "there are deuces in this thing and Ellinger is getting the most of them." It does seem a little odd that a man should blow himself up with a bomb and then quietly store away so much lead right in such a vital spot, don't it?

Talmadge preached to the "Bulls and Bears" Sunday. As so many of them attend his church he had to speak well of them. He said that a man who took Wall street for an aquarium of sharks was mistaken. You will find some spiders there, but you will also find unswerving integrity; a good broker doesn't gamble, but one that sells nothing and gets a thousand dollars for it is as bad as that great christian philanthropist and reformer John Morrissey, &c.

The audience laughed several times, as he indeed they do every Sunday; we have even heard them applaud.

The city has been very much excited over the St. Louis fire. The bulletin boards were closely watched by immense crowds. The burning of the Southern Hotel is another Brooklyn theatre horror, and brings that awful event back too vividly.

Miss Lucy Freeman was burned to death by her dress getting on fire. She belonged at 110 West 27th st., a house of ill-fame. A man called at the house and went up stairs with her. Soon after she rushed down stairs in flames screaming and said the man had set her on fire. She ran out in the street and clung to a lamp-post. It was midnight, and the horrible sight was visible for blocks. The screams of the poor creature attracted all the neighbors. A man passing, wrapped his overcoat around her and subdued the flames, but she died of her injuries before morning. The man escaped but was afterwards arrested. He said she was lighting a cigarette with a piece of paper; the paper dropped in her lap and ignited her clothing. The jury rendered a verdict of accidental death.

Dr. Wm. A. Muhlenberg, the author of "I could not Live Away" is dead. He lived to be eighty-one; it looked as if he was going to live away whether he would or not. He founded St. Luke's Hospital, where he died, and was its pastor and superintendent. Many of our best citizens and many ladies who had been associated with him in his work of charity followed him sorrowfully to the grave.

The theatres are rushing. The Fifth Avenue Theatre is playing the "Princess Royal" and tickets are sold two weeks in advance. The Park is in its eleventh week of "Our Boarding House Nibbles" and last night's performance of "Don Carlos" was a triumph.

The Grand Opera House, the 12th week of Verdi's tragic opera, "Don Carlos," Max Maretzek is the conductor. Union Square is in the 12th week of the great Russian play "Dancheffs." Booth's gave a "sacred concert" on Sunday the 15th, and has John McCulloch in Shaksperian plays through the week.

The Grand Opera House, Jim Fisk's old theatre, is about to discharge "Miss Moulton" and call in "Rose Michel." This theatre also gives "sacred concerts" on Sunday evenings. Halliday is his own "Awful Dad" and keeps New York in a roar every night. Heller astonishes the natives with tricks every evening at Wonder Theatre, formerly the old Broadway Tabernacle. Anna Dickinson plays the "Crown of Thorns" at the Eagle. Humphrey Dumpty still lives at the Olympic. Barum, the irrepressible, has the "Greatest Show on Earth" at Gilmore's Garden. His \$300,000 horses are six the most superb animals we ever saw. They are the blackest of black horses. All these we have besides the Aquarium, the variety theatres, lecturers, and innumerable variety theatres, dancers and the "Dickens" knows what, to pass away time and money.

The Grand Duke Alexis and his suite came ashore Sunday and amused themselves with Prof. Grey's Telephone. They had some very sacred selections such as Yankee Doodle, the Russian National Hymn, &c., &c. The party assembled in the old Nathan mansion in 23d street and the Duke heard all about that mysterious and secret royal personage, but his diamond breast-pin is lost in keeping with royalty. He has with him Capt. Shilling, his tutor, who has been with him since he was six years old. His doctor also

lovers around no doubt to mend his heart if the American girls break it. "Alek" asked many questions about Miss Nilsson whom he met at the Clarendon, and calls her the handsomest woman he ever saw. He also spoke of Patti, and says she is the favorite of the Russian Court. He smokes delicately perfumed cigarettes in great abundance.

Edward T. Saynsich sues for a divorce, or rather to have his marriage annulled. He says he has found out that his wife had a husband living when he married her. She says its "no such a thing" and tells the following story:—On a day when she was thirteen years of age she was playing on the sidewalk with another little girl. Two young men came along and coaxed the little girls into a neighboring church. There was some kind of a ceremony performed which she didn't understand, after which she went home. In a day or two one of the young men, named Davis, came and claimed her as his wife, saying that he was married to her in the church. Her mother drove him off (her father was off to the war) but soon after when she was visiting at a friend's house he obtained admission to her bed-room and forcibly cohabited with her. For this her mother turned her out of doors and she went to live with Davis till her father came home from the war, and took her home. Davis fled to Chicago, was reported dead and she married. Her present husband says she is intemperate and unfit to have the care of a child.

EDWARDS.

A FAGOT OF WISDOM.

The busy man is tempted by the devil, but the lazy man actually tempts him—Common sense is genius in its working dress—Troubles are like dogs, the smaller they are the more they annoy you.—Speech is the gift of all, but thought is the gift of few.—In walking turn your toes out and your thoughts inwards.—A spur in the head is worth two in the heel.—The grace which makes every other grace beautiful is humility.—Greatness may build the tomb, but it is goodness that must make the epitaph.—Those who have nothing to do always do more than they ought.—Crime shocks us too much; vice almost always too little.—The greatest truths are the simplest and so are the greatest men.—Nothing is further than earth from heaven; nothing is nearer than heaven than earth!—Friendship doubles our pleasures and divides our pains.—Ambition is a kind of drop-sy; the more a man drinks the more he covets.—Random thoughts bear a semblance to wayside flowers.—Gaiety is Nature's garb of perfect health.—Luxury increases the luggage of life and therefore impedes the progress.—It is common to esteem most what is most unknown.—Right is a dull weapon, unless skill and good sense wield it.—We find few people of good sense except those of our own opinion.—Very few persons live at present, but are preparing to do so at some future time.—Harsh words are like hailstones in Summer, which, if melted,

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The Tabernacle meetings at Boston still continue interesting, but they have contracted a debt of \$20,000. Among the recent converts is John L. Swift, the well known stump speaker and politician.

The prospect of a war in Europe has begun to affect prices in this country. Flour, meats, and sugar are on the rise, and must go up as hostilities advance. The United States will reap a larger benefit from a foreign war than any other nation, and speculators will undoubtedly hope that the war may go on, while philanthropists and Christians will pray for reconciliation and peace. A war upon Turkey will be short and bloody, and will very naturally involve adjoining powers who would if they could prefer to remain at peace.

The Boston press unanimously condemn the Soldene troupe, which is now at the Globe, but these adverse criticisms prove the best advertisement the naughty Emily and her troupe could wish for, and they have full houses every night, and especially at the performance of those operas which are most loudly condemned for their vulgarity. These half-dressed English girls prove too great an attraction even for the virtuous "upper ten" of that aristocratic city to withstand. Alas! alas! for Moody. In Springfield the troupe selected for performance "La Fille de Madame Angot," the least objectionable opera in their repertoire.

On the Reading Railroad the question of the life or death of the Engineers' Brotherhood is now being sharply contested. The company decided to strike a death-blow at this strong organization, and ordered all its engineers who were members thereof to dissolve their connection with the order or leave the service of the company. Last Saturday, Chief Arthur of the Brotherhood ordered a general strike, and when the trains reached their destination that night, the engineers left them. New men have been engaged to fill the vacant places, and the trains have suffered very little detention. Both parties to the contest are determined to fight it out, the strikers having their usual wages paid by the Brotherhood, and the Company claiming to have all the men they need. No violence has been offered, and the end of the struggle is looked forward to with the greatest interest by the friends of both parties.

Things do not progress quite as lovely in Louisiana as the President desires. The ousting of Packard, the legally elected Governor, is a thing not so easily accomplished, and he has sent to the President a pretty outspoken communication on the subject. We are sorry to say that the President in his Louisiana policy sides with the usurping power, and seems anxious to get Packard out. Packard, in a communication to the President, says:

"I respectfully submit that the questions at issue in Louisiana cannot be disposed of by mere expedients. The claims of individuals to office are of little consequence when weighed against the rights and liberties of a majority of the people. If a lawful government in Louisiana can be overthrown by domestic violence with the consent of the federal government originally called into existence for the express purpose, among others, of preventing such occurrences, what State in the Union may not hereafter be subject to a similar revolution? Are American people willing to see this precedent established?"

INTEREST in the Phair case is still kept up by his vigorous champion, the Boston Globe, which is now endeavoring to fasten the crime upon either a traveling artist or an abandoned woman of the town, against both of whom it brings to bear circumstantial evidence. Sargent, the traveling photographer, was intimate with the murdered woman, and having tried to borrow \$200 of her only a week before the tragedy, knew that she had money about her, and other suspicious circumstances added to the fact of his bad reputation, his need of money, and his sudden disappearance from town on the very night or morning of the murder, point him out as a man who should have been followed up by the detectives. He has not been seen since. Aurelia Brooks, the other suspected person, was in Rutland on the night of the murder, and had previously complained of her poverty, threatening to commit suicide if she could not raise money, but soon after the murder she returned in fine dresses, and with plenty of money. Other suspicious facts are also brought up, and the detectives blamed for not examining into the possibility of her being connected with the bloody deed.

The test of Wade Hampton's sincerity when he made promises to President Hayes that the rights of all persons in South Carolina should be rigidly respected, has unexpectedly shown him to have imposed upon the President. It was conceded on all hands that Hayne, Secretary of State, Cardozo treasurer, Elliott, attorney general, and Kennedy, adjutant general, were elected by the people, some of them having more votes than Wade Hampton claims for himself. But Hampton no sooner gets possession of the State House than he commissions Democrats to fill all these places, contrary to any law in South Carolina. He has threatened to eject by violence these men from their offices unless they surrender them to his appointees. A more outrageous piece of business cannot be conceived of, and if President Hayes will calmly submit to such treatment he will deserve to forfeit the respect of every man who voted for him. The course of Wade Hampton well illustrates the bad faith of South Carolina. It has always been afflicted with special cussedness, to say nothing of its bad faith in business transactions, and it is a question whether the President has shown wisdom or folly in restoring that ungrateful State to its race of fire-eaters.

Poor old Tweed has finally concluded to "tell it all" and in a confession covering fifty pages, which is now in the hands of the attorney general, he makes a clean breast of it and implicates in the fraudulent transactions of the old ring many prominent men. Although the paper is not yet made public, enough has leaked out to make it apparent that the names of A. Oakley Hall, the ex-Mayor, (now absent on a European trip), William B. Woodin, a State Senator and noted politician, Hugh Hastings, of the Commercial Advertiser, Recorder Hackett and many minor politicians, are among those who were the tools or accomplices of the "Boss" in his days of power. Hall, as Mayor, received 10 per cent. of the Ring stealings, Hastings received good pay from the same funds, while Woodin received \$200,000, which he shared with seven other Senators for their aid in carrying the Tweed city charter through the Senate, which gave the Ring almost absolute power in New York city; and Recorder Hackett had the painting and the book-cases in his house paid for by the city. Every one of these men, except Hall, deny these published statements, and Woodin who is still a Senator, promptly demanded an investigation, which has been commenced. The publication of the confession is delayed until the attorney general has had time to examine it, and meanwhile the preparations for the release of the writer are progressing. Tweed says he is willing and able to back up all his statements by witnesses, checks and other memoranda, provided the witnesses are granted immunity from prosecution.

THE Charitable Committee is still investigating the troubles at Westboro, and the jailers, where some of the boys are now confined on account of the recent riot at the institution, testify that they are the worst prisoners they have. From these statements one might infer that the Westboro school is a place to make convicts instead of reclaiming bad boys. The Superintendent, himself, thinks that the sentence of all boys—till 21 is too long. The term of imprisonment should be graded according to the enormity of the crime committed. Now, a boy who steals an apple from an orchard or runs away from school, gets the same sentence that a boy does who burns a building, burglarizes a store or nearly kills his comrade in a street fight. The trustees think they can prevent all future trouble if boys are not sent there after the age of 14. This is a mistake. Some of the hardest boys committed are not over fourteen, while very many decent ones do not get in there till the age of seventeen. The trouble is, there are too many boys herded together, and they are kept in confinement too long. With these evils remedied the Westboro boy would make rapid improvement.

The President threatens to withdraw the troops from Louisiana, and leave Packard to fight it out with the Nicholls usurpers. There is no doubt that Packard was honestly elected Governor, and he should be sustained by bayonets if necessary. There is no more sense in surrendering the government to Nicholls than there would have been in turning over the Presidency to Tilden after the vote for Hayes had been declared by Congress.

It is thought that Russia will commence hostilities with Turkey next week. Dispatches over the telegraph in that section in regard to the movements of troops have been suspended, and the Czar is making his movements as expeditiously as possible. It is said that Russia makes war on Turkey solely to obtain security for the Christians in Turkey, and charges the Porte with forcing hostilities.

UNDER encouragement from the President's commissioners, members of Packard's Legislature, in Louisiana, have deserted to the Nicholls Legislature till the latter has a majority. The commission, however, will fail to effect a settlement of the ease, and it would have been more creditable to Hayes' Government if they had remained at home.

An extra session of Congress will be held, commencing June 4th. There will be some music at the session, and it is doubtful if it will be more harmonious than the closing days of the last session. It should have been avoided if possible, but it is contended that the army supplies cannot be furnished unless Congress finds the means.

THE ST. LOUIS FIRE.—One of the witnesses at the coroner's inquest gives testimony which would seem to prove that the fire had been smoldering in the store room for nearly six hours before it was discovered and the alarm given. This might account for the rapidity with which the flames spread as soon as the door of the store room was opened. Only one more body, and that unrecognizable, has been found in the ruins, and all except one or two of the inmates of the hotel have reported or have been accounted for. Miss Frankie McClellan, the actress, who jumped from the fourth story, is still alive, but horribly mutilated. A benefit given at the theatre for the servant girls of the hotel who lost everything, netted a handsome sum, two tickets alone selling for \$100 each.

Edward S. Rand, one of Boston's most prominent and trusted lawyers, was lodged in Dedham jail Wednesday, by certain of his bondsmen who feared he had committed a breach of trust and was preparing to leave the country. Mr. Rand has a magnificent estate at Dedham, on which he has expended nearly \$100,000, and another at Mt. Desert. This money he has raised by mortgages, and as is now claimed by use of trust funds in his possession which he can not now replace. Public sympathy is in his favor, and no crime in it is charged against him.

Two hundred employees of the Bureau of Printing and Engraving have been discharged by order of Secretary Schurz and on the 1st of May 300 more will be dismissed as not needed by the requirements of the work to be done in that department.

LOCAL BUSINESS NOTICES.

Shoes of all styles made at F. M. EAGER'S.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Regular preaching at the Baptist church.

G. C. Wheeler is arranging for a concert at Brimfield soon.

The Palmer post office receives and dispatches 47 mails daily.

The Congregational parsonage on Pleasant street is ready for occupancy.

The annual meeting of the 3d Cong. society will be held next week Friday afternoon.

Thursday evening was the time when the D. Y. W. Y. K's danced at Weeks Hall.

Three persons were immersed by the Adventists last Sabbath at the Tenneyville pond.

Earnsworth & Co., make a special announcement in our advertising columns this week.

Will the correspondent who signs himself "A. B. C.," kindly send his address or call at this office?

S. Edgerton is to commence the manufacture of Ladew's Jointed Pulverizing Harrow, at the Palmer Foundry.

The Boston and Albany R. R. stockholders can draw a dividend of \$4 a share on and after Tuesday, May 15th.

Rev. J. W. Tuek, formerly of Ludlow, and more recently of Jewett City, Conn., has received a call to the Congregational church at Middletown, Conn.

William W. Leete of Thorndike is one of the Amherst seniors, selected from 45 candidates, who will contest for the \$100 Hyde prize on Monday of commencement week.

A special train was run to Prof. Wheeler's concert at Ware, Friday evening, 20th, leaving Palmer after the regular evening train and returning at the close of the concert.

Four circuses are "on the road" and aiming this way, but they may all four "jump the town," on account of inability to secure a suitable lot on which to pitch their snowy canvases.

J. J. Regan of Chicopee was elected county delegate at the Hibernian convention in this place Tuesday. Seven divisions of the order were represented, and the choice of delegate lay between Springfield and Chicopee.

The school committee have let out the job of painting the school houses as follows:—Fred Pette has the one in this village, George Whiting in Three Rivers, and George King those at the Old Center and Whiting's.

G. W. Randall will sell at public auction, May 2d, the "Dr. Vaill homestead" on South Main street, in two lots, and also the cottage house and lot adjoining the estate of Mrs. Laura Child. Remember the time, Monday, May 2d, at 2 p. m., on the premises.

A young man who has tried to escape from town after running up bills for board, drink and clothing, finds to his sorrow that his creditors and the lynx-eyed village police always sleep with one eye open, and he still carries with him, hoping to shake the dust of the town from off his feet as soon as he can gain security for the payment of his honest indebtedness.

A little breeze of excitement was raised Tuesday morning by the report that burglars had visited the saloons of John Feeney, Frank Connors, and Michael Griffin, and the recent market of Freeman Smith & Co., during the night. At the saloons they only got a little spare change, while at the meat market they helped themselves to some hams and 21 cents in cash.

Mrs. Baldwin, as an amateur, gave good satisfaction in her reading of Midsummer Night's Dream. Wednesday evening, although the audience was small enough to have discouraged the most sanguine aspirant for elocutionary fame. The fine music by Mrs. Crawford, with which the piece was accompanied, added much to the effect, and received repeated applause.

One of the gentlemanly conductors, well-known to the traveling public, whose home is not "New London," whose wife is happy, and who has no special attractions in Norwich, was the subject of dissection by a couple of his lady passengers the other day. Their tongues ran very glibly, and the whole history of his family and public life was soon told, but sad were their countenances when they afterward had an interview with their victim and found that they had "waked up the wrong passenger."

Prof. Walton of Westfield, agent of the State Board of Education, and Mr. Hubbard, late Superintendent of the Springfield public schools, come to Palmer next week, Friday evening, 27th, when Prof. Walton will give a lecture in the Congregational vestry on "The claims of the child to education." The public are cordially invited, admission free. Saturday morning Prof. Walton and Mr. Hubbard will spend the forenoon with the teachers, talking on important educational topics. We bespeak for them a good audience, which they will certainly merit.

At the Lyceum last Thursday evening, the following officers were chosen: President, G. H. Appleton; Vice Presidents, H. C. Strong, J. W. Shanks; Secretary, E. G. Baldwin; Treasurer, O. P. Allen; Executive Committee, H. C. Strong, C. L. Gardner, B. M. Fullerton, Mrs. L. E. Strong and Mrs. E. G. Baldwin. There was an excellent debate on the question, Resolved, That the Indian should be made a citizen, which was decided in the affirmative. It is proposed to have a course of lectures next season. The Lyceum adjourned to the first Thursday in October next.

WEST WARREN.

A public meeting is to be held this (Saturday) evening to name the streets, and to take action in regard to the new street lamps for which \$25 has been appropriated.

WALEs.

The starting of two of the mills here makes business look a little more lively.

We publish the birth of twins this week, the father of which a year ago was a widower of sixty, and the mother a maiden of fifty summers.

LUDLOW.

The Congregational Sunday school needs a larger library, and is raising money to supply it with more books.

The Children's Mission is also covetous for more funds, and propose to give an entertainment next Tuesday evening for that purpose.

BRIMFIELD.

The Brimfield Cong. Society at its annual meeting elected Edward Bliss, clerk, J. S. Blair, W. H. Sherman and M. Hitchcock, prudential committee; H. F. Brown, treasurer. The pews are to be rented on Monday next.

THORNDIKE.

Rev. Mr. White, the new pastor, has moved into the Cong. parsonage on Pleasant street. And now the Thorndike club claim that the shoe was on the other foot in their game with the Palmer boys last week, the score standing in their favor.

BONDVILLE.

Eli Smith of West Warren is to commence the milk business at Bondville.

WARREN.

Albert Dexter has bought the E. Brewer & Son market.

The foundation for two new tenement houses has been laid.

Melvin & Goodhue are the Warren printers, Goodhue being just taken into the partnership.

The Boston and Albany R. R. company are to build a milk depot for C. Brigham & Co., the Boston milk contractors.

BELCHERTOWN.

John L. Bacon has resumed possession of the Belchertown House.

The selectmen advertise for proposals for building a new almshouse near the site of the old one.

The Supreme Court for Hampshire county Tuesday granted absolute divorce in the case of Susan V. Walkley of Belchertown from Joel G. Walkley for desertion, provided her counsel can prove the necessary publication.

THREE RIVERS.

Daniel Holden has not yet received his commission as postmaster, some opposition being offered by the Palmer mills and a few others, to having the office moved across the river, where the other party claim it will be most convenient and accessible to the greatest number of its patrons,—one firm alone that side having nearly or quite as large a daily mail as the mills. A special agent will probably be sent to look into the matter, and affidavits in favor of the east side will also be sent to Washington.

WILBRAHAM.

All the public schools in town commenced on Monday next.

The pews in the Memorial church are to be rented this (Saturday) afternoon.

Mrs. Luther B. Bliss is preparing to leave town to make her home in the West with her children.

The Hampden East Association of Ministers meet at the Congregational church Tuesday, April 24.

Miss Emma Daggett, teacher in the English Department at Wesleyan Academy is very sick. Her doctor thinks there are tubercles growing on the brain.

The Academy baccalaureate sermon next June is to be preached by Rev. Cyrus D. Foss, who is President of the Wesleyan University at Middletown, Conn.

The farm of the late Rev. Calvin Brewer, which is now offered for sale, contains, beside other attractions, a fine trout pond which certainly ought to greatly enhance its value.

MONSON.

Mark Noble has his new block well under way, and it will be ready for occupancy in a few days.

Rev. C. C. Painter of Stafford Springs, Ct., supplied the pulpit at the Cong. church last Sabbath morning, in exchange with Rev. Mr. Sargent.

John A. Orent is busy with a force of workmen repairing the damage done to the body of the Cong. church by the steeple entering the audience room.

Col. Russell H. Conwell lectures next Wednesday evening at Green's Hall, under the auspices of the Reading Room Association. His subject "Lawyers" cannot fail to draw a full house.

Willis & Murphy, in Green's block, have just received their spring stock of ready-made clothing and gent's furnishings goods, and parties who have heretofore been to Springfield say that at the prices they can purchase of the above firm it won't pay to go out of town, and everybody who has traded there reiterates the statement.

Lorin Bliss and wife were eapized last Sunday evening while returning from the Advent church in Palmer. Mrs. B. was considerably bruised and is not able to do her customary housework. As the accident happened near the chapel, where the road is dangerous, it is probable the town will be called on to settle damages.

Our citizens are indebted to Wilbur McElwain for the interest he has taken in the Reading Room and Public Library, and through his exertions the prospect is favorable for a free public library, to which doubtless every friend will contribute something by way of books, or if a \$1000 fund were donated by some of our well-to-do citizens it will be a lasting memento.

M. D. Cushman is out with another petition for a road from his house to intersect the highway either at Lyonsville or northerly. Mr. C. should have a way granted; in some places it is thought not just to tax property unless the town grants the owner the privilege of a highway or town way.

The arrangements had all been made, the town clerk had been consulted in regard to the probable expense of a marriage license, the ceremony was to have been performed on Tuesday evening, and the bride had her wedding flax all shown to her friends; but the joke of it was the male attire, with a suitable body in it for the completion of the contract, didn't appear, and whether he has gone to Europe with A. Oakley Hall or to Hingham, is the question.

SOUTH WILBRAHAM.

The horse sheds connected with the Cong. church have been repaired, and now look like new. Horses will rejoice, as well as the people be glad, from looks.

Most of the farmers have sold their tobacco, but at such prices as not to warrant the continuance of the business. The prices have been about 10 and 4.

F. A. West, the young man who was bitten in the hand by a dog some two weeks since, had his middle finger amputated, Tuesday. He has been a great sufferer from the bite, it is now hoped he will recover.

Representative Sessions's men let the fire get the mastery of them, Monday, while burning brush, and did him some damage in his woods. A general alarm was given, and the fire checked before serious harm was done.

The Spring is early and many farmers have got their Spring grain all sowed, also potatoes for early harvest are planted, and some of the highway surveyors are working on the roads. The season must be two weeks earlier than last year.

The Wilbraham Woolen Company have been enlarging and raising their boarding house one story, and otherwise improving the looks in that locality. Mr. Phillips is also applying a nice coat of paint, which also much improves the appearance.

Rev. A. J. Day, who has been preaching for the Methodist society here for two years, left for his new field in Enfield, Mass., the 18th inst. The society here are to have but one service on the Sabbath hereafter, and Glendale is to be supplied by the minister here. All the three societies here now have but one sermon, the Baptists having united with East Longmeadow, and have but one preacher.

Anna Dickinson abruptly closed an engagement at the Eagle Theatre, Monday, on account of trouble with the manager. The gross receipts for her playing averaged a little over \$200 an evening. She will try again in September at the Fifth Avenue.

Boston has discovered a ring in the management of her East Boston ferry and is going to investigate.

THE LEGISLATURE.

From our own Correspondent.

Boston, April 17.

The liquor question has somewhat unexpectedly shown itself during the past week in a way which many had not looked for and the prohibition element throughout the State are entitled to the congratulations of their brethren in the cause everywhere, for the surprising House vote of Tuesday last which passed the bill for a prohibitory law to a third reading. Why the matter was postponed until Wednesday, the 18th, I have not the means of knowing, but it is safe to presume that "there's a cat in the meal" somewhere, and the rum party may know the exact nature and locality of that distinguished feline. There are various speculations upon the result, for there are so many contingencies to be provided for. If the House passes the bill, it is more or less uncertain what the Senate—when they get sobered off from their Tunnel trip—will do with the measure, while if the Senate should concur, it then becomes a matter of deepest concern to the party managers as to the action of the Governor in the premises. If the Governor approves the bill, there will be a certain definable portion of the Republican party voting with the Democrats for free rum at the next election, while a veto from the west wing of the State House, would be the means of rallying a stronger Temperance party next November, than Massachusetts has ever yet seen. So the way some people seem to look at it, in either event, the party of Andrew and Wilson will suffer more or less injury, and perhaps the more aggressive this temperance question becomes in our State politics, the better it will be for all concerned—in the end. For there is no denying the fact that the temperance people "mean business," and in this "reform club" movement they have at last struck one of the most efficient and successful agencies that has yet been devised for the promotion of their cause. The "Sons of Temperance" and order of Good Templars have never accomplished much in the way of temperance but have rather facilitated social intercourse between the sexes, and thus have lost sight in a measure of their main object, while the "reform clubs" are composed exclusively of men—young and old—who have indulged more or less in the use of ardent liquors and who have assumed such proportions in some of the towns of the Commonwealth that they will be able at the next election, to send their own men to the legislature. That is the work the "Reform Clubs" are doing, and perhaps those prohibition voters of last Tuesday comprehended this condition of things, and voted accordingly. The time seems to have arrived, however, for all Massachusetts Governors to follow the example of Gov. Talbot of 1874, and set themselves right upon this question, and thus give to the labor of the active men of the Reform Clubs that moral aid which the present law fails to do, and cannot in the nature of things prove of any service in this direction. The manner in which the license law is enforced in Boston is an outrage upon law and a travesty upon a popular form of government, for there are as many unlicensed as licensed places, and those who were so indiscreet as to pay their license, now see the folly of their ways, and in some instances have been known to seriously talk of making an effort for the restitution of their money. Why one man, should be called upon for license, and another man, in the same building, on the floor above, should escape "scot-free," is a question for the commissioners to answer.

The Westboro investigation still proceeds and the committee have now reached the testimony of the superintendents—past and present. One of the former gentlemen, Mr. Joseph A. Allen, who retired in 1867, evidently wants his old place, for he delivered himself of some remarkable testimony which seems to have attracted general attention. Mr. Allen's idea seems to be that he can rule these north end Arabs with gentleness and kindness, and should not be obliged to resort to corporal punishment, except in extreme instances. With these views we do not wonder at Mr. Allen's retirement, nor at the retirement of one of his successors whose administration may be said to have been of the same "namby-pamby" character; for it is related of the latter, that during official visits of dignitaries, it was customary to dole out to each boy as they filed out of the chapel, a table spoonful of cough medicine in order to show the tender solicitude on the part of the managers, for the health of the innocent babes committed to their charge—and all which was highly amusing to the boys. Such juvenile reformers as Mr. Allen are undoubtedly correct in theory, but for practical purposes, their theory is as impotent and useless as the sighing of summer breezes. There are plenty of these "milk and water" men floating about—some in office and some out—and when so fortunate as to obtain position, they loudly proclaim the wisdom of their pet theories and propose so to govern their charges as will do away with all necessity for fences and physical restraint of whatever nature, and rule by the beneficent power of love. As the Almanacs say, "About this time look out for the dawning of the millennium," and parents and teachers of every name, are invited to pause in their labors and gaze upon the touching spectacle.

A SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—As Edward P. Stedman, a young Chicopee farmer, was taking a bull out of a stall, Sunday, he lost hold of the ring in the animal's nose, whereupon the bull turned upon him, jammed him against the side of the stall, and but for the arrival of help would have gored him to death. The assault was so violent that the bull's horns pierced a two-inch plank. Stedman's internal organs were crowded out of place and serious results are feared.

STEAMER BURNED AT SEA.—The steamship Leo, a wooden propeller, from Savannah, Ga., to Nassau, was burned at sea on the 13th inst., during a heavy gale, and its three passengers, and all but thirteen of the crew were lost, those saved being picked up from a raft eight hours after the catastrophe by a Russian bark.

The French commissioners desire that Massachusetts should be well represented at their exposition next year in Paris, and the present legislature will be asked to appoint a special commission for that purpose.

A safe motto: When you have a doubtful coin put it in the contribution box. If it is good a deed of charity will be done; if bad, the intent will appear to be good.

Seventy-five trains an hour pass Clapham Junction, England, during the busiest part of the day, while 942 pass during the whole twenty-four hours.

HINTS AND HAPPENINGS.

Colored visiting cards are fashionable in Paris. Wade Hampton wears a enlunge leaf in his boots to prevent sunstroke.

Smelts should not be eaten from April 1 to Aug. 1, as the doctors say they are poisonous. Slender women are sure to be in style this season.

Some farmers are now using the hoe press and some the bullock.

Costume parasols are imported in the colors of the dresses they are worn with.

A New Jersey girl who was invited to go fishing said she had plenty of hooks and eyes.

The latest imported parasols are edged with white marabout feather trimming and white lace. Pork has gone up fifty cents a barrel in consequence of the rising of Turkey.

The King of Holland will send 40,000 tulips to the next Paris exposition.

In 1876 California produced over seven million gallons of wine.

A Boston firm, which for a time turned out 16,000 feet of blue glass a week, is shortening sail.

Among the suggestive designs engraved on wedding rings is that of a spider's web with a fly in it.

There is serious talk of draining Okechohee lake in Florida, and reclaiming thousands of acres of land.

When Elihu B. Washburne puts on that order of knighthood we shall have to salute him as Sir Elihu.

Spotted Tail has saved the Government a million of dollars by bringing in bands of hostile Sioux.

At the Southern ice factories beautiful wreaths of flowers are artistically frozen into the center of blocks of ice of any desired size.

A vessel is loading at Port Royal for Holland. It will carry 450,000 feet of lumber, and will be the first shipment thence to that country.

The Cabinet smashers have begun early. The administration is but six weeks old, and yet the country is told that there is to be a general shuntle of portfolios.

PAPER PACKING.—Birds killed on the Western prairies, packed closely with paper in barrels, and without any freezing or other artificial process of preservation, now go regularly to Leadenhall, and are sold and eaten in the dining rooms of London and the West side by side with the much more expensive partridges and fowls which are reared in England.

After forty years of litigation, Mrs. Myra Clark Gaines of New Orleans, is reported to have won her suit against the city for \$40,000,000 worth of property. It is not stated what her gains will be after paying the expenses of her long courtship.

A gentleman at Abington, Va., has a pet fish. He has kept it in a spring for five years and can go and call it up at any time. It eats from his hand and shows a marked liking for its keeper. It is a black perch twenty inches long.

If a man keeps an animal which he knows is dangerous he is liable for any damages which that animal may cause. Would the owner of a Spitz dog be subject to indictment for manslaughter in a case of hydrophobia?

A bold robber stole \$9000 in government bonds from the coat pocket of Charles Garvey in Boston, two pals attracting Garvey's attention while the thief stole the bonds from the coat hanging near by.

Prof. Bell, the inventor of the speaking telephone has commenced a series of telephone concerts at the principal cities, and is expected at Springfield early next month.

Moody has only one more week in his Boston engagement, closing there on Sunday, the 29th. What will the Boston papers do for news then?

A new venture is the New England Phrenological Magazine just started at Holyoke by Irwin & Co.

William, the Conqueror, never enjoyed such an easy bed as one of Metcalf & Luther's mattresses, to be had for \$3.00 at Springfield.

Any one who wants an extension table should see those offered by W. Yennall, furniture dealer, at 433 Main street, near State street, Springfield.

No store in Springfield has in so short a time obtained such a celebrity for boots and shoes at the lowest prices as Fay's, 322 Main street. One price to all and fair dealing with every one is what has done it.

467 Main street, Springfield, opposite the Chicago bank, is the place where the people are finding durable goods at low prices these times. Day's shoe store is the place, and his advertisement elsewhere gives particulars.

The ladies will desire to see the new stock of fine hair brushes, especially the wire bristle brushes, and the foreign tooth brushes expressly imported for the trade of C. C. Burdett & Co., druggists, near the depot, Springfield.

Have you an old cherished family Bible that needs re-binding, or some magazines. Take them to Bolden & Westwood, binders, 259 Main street, Springfield, when you go to that city. They do superior work at very moderate rates.

Moffitt & Davis, the fine photographic artist at 312 Main street, Springfield, have just brought out some transparencies. These are the latest novelties. The pictures are on glass, and are hung in windows or on evanling frames, and look almost as real as life.

The prospect for better times begins to be felt among housekeepers, and for the last two weeks there has been quite an increased call for furniture, so reports Geo. A. Hunt, the large dealer in Springfield, opposite Haynes' Hotel. He sells fine marble top dressing case black walnut chamber sets for \$65, and ash and painted sets for \$20.

No remedy before discovered has been so successful in curing consumption and all diseases of the throat and lungs as Dr. A. J.

See advertisement N. Y. \$1 variety store. 4w2

The geese have all gone north except one goose that S. C. Ray, the fashionable tailor at 417 Main street, Springfield, has engaged to polish off those elegant dress suits he is making for his customers.

Every Invalid Should Know It.

The reports from all parts of the country confirm the statement that Dr. Gage's great vegetable remedy called "MEDICAL WONDER" is having an immense sale by all druggists. The proprietors do not expend enormous sums for flimsy advertisements, but prefer to let the medicine advertise itself by sending to druggists throughout the country, sample bottles, for trial, at a cost of many thousand dollars per year, that invalids may test its merits before purchasing a large size. No person suffering with dyspepsia, dizziness, liver or kidney complaints, sour stomach, sick headache, habitual constipation, scrofulous humors, spinal diseases, weakness of male or female, or general nervous prostration of either sex, can take this remarkable medicine without soon seeing its good effects. Go to your druggist and get a sample bottle for 15 cents, and try it; or a large size for \$1.00. It has cured where all other remedies had failed. Sold in Palmer by G. H. APPLETON. 1y3s

Don't Spend a Dollar until you have tried this.

Wood's Improved Hair Restorer is unlike any other, and has no equal. The Improved has new vegetable tonic properties; restores gray hair to a glossy, natural color; restores faded, dry, harsh and falling hair; restores, dresses, gives vigor to the hair; restores hair to premature bald heads; removes dandruff, humors, sealy eruptions; removes irritation, itching and sealy dryness. No article produces such wonderful effects. Try it; call for Wood's Improved Hair Restorative, and don't be put off with any other article. Sold by all druggists in this place, and dealers everywhere. Trade supplied at manufacturers' prices by C. A. COOK & CO., Chicago, Sole Agents for the United States and Canada, and by Weeks & Potter, Boston. 9m23

BORN.

At Wales, 14th, twin sons to JASPER H. LYON. At Brimfield, 14th, a son to DAVID LENO. At North Amherst, 10th, a daughter to CHARLES A. EASTMAN.

MARRIED.

At Monson, 10th, by Geo. H. Newton, Esq., GEORGE DAVIS and MARY TOWNSEND, both of Monson. At Athol, 14th, by Rev. J. C. Parsons of Waltham, OTIS B. RICHARDSON of Ware and MARY S. SMITH of Hardwick. At Chicopee, 15th, CHANCEY KNIGHT and ESTELLA MCKEOWN of Chicopee Falls.

DIED.

At Thorndike, 13th, of heart disease, SUSAN, 48, wife of Bolivar L. Green. At Monson, 13th, ALMIRA, 72, wife of Gideon S. Morris. At Wilbraham, 9th, at the residence of his sister, Mrs. D. B. Merriek, ALVIN C. DAY, 26, late of Ohio, and youngest son of the late Rev. Alvin Day of Monson. At Brimfield, 15th, SOPHIA HANNAH, wife of Gen. Fitz Henry Warren of Iowa. At Belchertown, 14th, ELIZABETH HANNAH, 73. At Dalton, 14th, IRA TILLOTSON, 20. At Belchertown, 15th, ANTIPOUS S. BARDWELL, 73. At Hardwick, 17th, of congestion of the lungs, Mrs. PATTY Aiken, 92. At Berlin, 17th, CAROLINE, 74 years and 8 mos., eldest daughter of the late Ely and Jemima Fuller of Ludlow. At Ware, 19th, WINTHROP RICHARDSON, 73.

BOY WANTED!

A smart, active boy to learn the business. Apply at G. H. APPLETON'S. Palmer, April 19, 1877. 4w1

ASSESSORS' NOTICE!

The inhabitants of the town of Palmer are hereby notified to bring in to the assessors, assessors of said Palmer, on the first day of May next, at the Town House, true lists of their polls and of all their estates, both real and personal, (not exempted from taxation), or which they are possessed on the first of May next. JOSEPH CLOUGH, Assessor of D. B. BISHOP, of Palmer. Palmer, April 19th, 1877. 2w1

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.—By virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage deed given by Margaret Sullivan of Monson, county of Hampden, to Joseph Thompson of Palmer, county aforesaid, dated March 30th, A. D. 1876, and recorded with Hampden county registry of deeds, book 233, page 288, and for a breach of the conditions thereof will be sold at public auction, on the premises, on Monday, the twenty-first day of May next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, the following described premises, being the same conveyed by said mortgage deed to wit: A certain tract or parcel of land situate in said Monson, with the buildings and structures thereon standing, and bounded and described as follows, to wit: Situated by the highway leading from Flynn's quarry, so called, to the Monson depot, easterly by lands of Wells Moore, southerly by lands of said Moore, and westerly by land of Mrs. Converse, containing one half an acre, more or less. Said premises will be sold subject to all unpaid taxes or assessments, if any. Terms made known at time and place of sale. JOSEPH THOMPSON, Mortgagee. By S. S. TAYLOR, his Att'y. Palmer, April 19th, 1877. 3w4t

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS—HAMPDEN SS. PROBATE COURT.—To the next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of Samuel L. Gould, late of Brimfield, in said county, deceased, intestate: Whereas, application has been made to said court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to S. S. TAYLOR of Palmer, in the county of Hampden, You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be held at Springfield, in said county of Hampden, on the first Tuesday of May next, at nine o'clock before noon, to show cause, if any you have, against granting the same. And the applicant is hereby directed to give public notice thereof by publishing this citation once a week, for three successive weeks, in the newspaper called the Palmer Journal, printed at Palmer, the last publication to be two days at least before said court. Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esq., Judge of said court, this fourth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven. 3w2t SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.

JUST RECEIVED!

A large assortment of the latest styles of PAPER HANGINGS AND BORDERS which I offer to the public at reduced rates.

A large stock of SHEET MUSIC, MUSICAL BOOKS, And MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, Constantly on hand.

FOR SALE, at a Low Price, one SECOND-HAND ORGAN. G. K. CUTLER. Ware, March 9th, 1876. 2m50

THE LARGEST AND

BEST FEED CUTTER

In the market is sold by ELI N. FAY of Monson and for the LEAST MONEY. Before buying please call and see them. 4w1f

TENEMENT TO RENT!

One of ten rooms, first-class, in the village Also, a Carpenter's Shop. Enquire of M. FOX. Palmer, March 2, 1877. 48tf

GRAIN STORE!

The subscriber would respectfully announce to the people of Three Rivers and vicinity that he is prepared to furnish FLOUR, GRAIN, MEAL, FEED, &c., in large or small quantities, at the store lately occupied by Frank Shaw in Three Rivers. I can give the best of Goods and as GOOD BARGAINS as can be obtained anywhere. W. M. HAYNES. Three Rivers, Feb. 15th, 1877. 47tf

467.

We invite the citizens of this

Vicinity to examine our stock of

BOOTS AND SHOES,

which was never so large as now.

We have added extensively to our department of

Medium & Low-priced

GOODS this Spring, and can

show the LARGEST STOCK

of these GOODS TO BE

FOUND IN HAMPDEN

COUNTY.

Be sure of the Place!

Opposite the Chicopee National Bank.

Day's Shoe Store.

467

MAIN STREET, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

1877. A CARD. 1877.

TO THE READERS OF THIS PAPER, Greeting! Another Spring has come, another President has taken his seat, and the "good time" so long coming is about to dawn. The undersigned makes his annual bow—this time a little lower than ever before—and cordially invites you all, when in Springfield, to look in at the "Centra Shoe Store," and see our elegant stock of new Spring Styles, and the reduced prices. Don't fail to give us a call, whether you want to buy or not. We shall be happy to show you, and you will find us in our best vein, every time. Sign of the Boot and Shoe. O. D. MORSE, Proprietor Central Shoe Store, 370 Main St., Springfield. 4w2

OLD SACHEM Indian Renovating Bitters!

BEST AROMATIC TONIC IN USE

FOR DYSPEPSIA, JAUNDICE, AND NERVOUS DEBILITY. In it you have an agent to improve the appetite, facilitate digestion, regulate the bowels, and give tone to the nervous system and vigor to any organ in the body, thereby imparting health and strength.

MANUFACTURED AND SOLD BY G. H. APPLETON, Druggist, - - Palmer, Mass. 5w1f

REVOLVERS.

L. H. MAYOTT, Dealer in Westchesters, Sharps, Maynard, Ballard, Wesson, Stevens and Spencer RIFLES & AIR GUNS, BREECH & MUZZLE LOADING SHOT GUNS, Cartridges, Paper Shell, &c., Fishing Rods, Hooks, Lines, and Artificial Flies of all kinds. GENERAL REPAIRING—Guns, Revolvers, Locks, Keys, Umbrellas, Parson's, Fishing Rods, Canes, Sewing Machines, and all kinds of Stencil Cutting. Wholesale Agent for American Powder Co. Best brands and blasting powder. 455 Main Street, opposite Court Square, 2m3 SPRINGFIELD, Mass.

ALL KINDS OF LIGHT GROCERIES FOR SALE, VERY CHEAP! Chemical Pure Cream Tartar, Cooking Soda and Baking Powder. Fine TEAS, COFFEES, &c. GENUINE SPICES, Cinnamon, Ginger, Cloves, Allspice, whole and in powder. EGGS WANTED. G. H. APPLETON. 25tf

FASHIONABLE DRESSMAKING! Mrs. W. CRICHTON announces to the Ladies of Palmer and Vicinity that she is prepared to execute their orders promptly and artistically. Two APPRENTICES WANTED. Residence nearly opposite the Blanchardville school house. Palmer, March 1, 1877. 49tf

R. G. SHUMWAY & CO., Manufacturers and Retailers of First-Class ROOTS and SHOES of every description. No. 2 Barnes Block, Main Street, Springfield, next to Forbes & Wallace. Heaviest stock and prices the lowest in the City, quality considered. Orders by mail solicited. Factory at South Norwalk, Conn. 4w3

HOUSE AND SIGN PAINTING! I am now prepared to do all kinds of painting, including and tinting, plain and decorative paper hanging, at prices to suit the times. All orders promptly attended to. 1y3 H. T. HUNTINGTON.

C. A. RISLEY & CO., Stone Merchants. Turned Columbian Columns a Specialty. Tablets, Headstones, Mantels and Shelves. Come and see them at 273 Main Street, Springfield, Mass. P. O. Box 960. WANTED.—PLAIN WASHING AND IRONING to do at home. Will call for it, if desired. House near the Foundry. Mrs. CALVIN PORTER. Palmer, April 6th, 1877. 5w1f

CASKETS.

I am now prepared to furnish Stien's Patent

Burial Casket, in

BLACK OR WHITE BROADCLOTH

or Purple Velvet. The nicest Casket made in this country. Also Pall Cloth and Table for such occasions.

I have on hand a splendid assortment of

BURIAL SHROUDS

of all kinds for sale.

All of these articles I will furnish at LOWER PRICES than they can be bought in any City.

FLOWERS OF ALL KINDS,

furnished when wanted.

Palmer, April 4th, 1877. J. S. LOOMIS. 2tf

THE ESTEY ORGAN

May be seen at our store, for which we are SOLE AGENTS in this vicinity.

SOLD LOW FOR CASH, OR ON THE INSTALLMENT PLAN.

Melodeons or old instruments taken in exchange.

ORDERS RECEIVED

for any style of PIANO or any other musical instrument. An assortment of PIANO STOOLS on hand.

ALLEN & COWAN.

Palmer, April 7, 1877.

NEW MUSIC JUST RECEIVED!

Sold to Teachers at a Discount.

At ALLEN & COWAN'S.

SCHOOL BOOKS!

And everything wanted for School purposes at lowest rates.

At ALLEN & COWAN'S.

THE ANTALGICA

Is a MEDICINE FOR ALL SEASONS, and should be in every family. It is a sure antidote for

ALL PAIN—EXTERNAL or INTERNAL

It has been in use for more than a quarter of a century, and still surpasses any other Pain Killer made. Prepared only by

ALLEN & COWAN.

THE NEW ENGLAND CATARRH REMEDY

Is the surest and best remedy known for the cure of that terrible disease, Catarrh.

Prepared only by - - - - - ALLEN & COWAN.

AGENTS WANTED FOR HISTORY

CENTENNIAL EXHIBITION!

It contains 400 fine engravings of buildings and scenes in the Great Exhibition and is the only authentic and complete history published. It treats of the grand buildings, wonderful exhibits, curiosities, great events, etc. Very cheap and sells at sight. One agent sold 48 copies in one day. Send for our extra terms to agents and a full description of the work. Address NATIONAL PUBLISHING CO., Philadelphia, Pa. CAUTION!—Unreliable and worthless books on the Exhibition are being circulated. Do not be deceived. See that the book you buy contains 918 pages and 400 fine engravings. 4w3

BOOK See this. Only \$1.50 capital required to start an engraving for MARK TWAIN'S NEW SCRAP BOOK. Apply, with stamp, to John K. Hallowell, 139 East Eight St., New York. 4w3 CANVASSERS.

AN INSURANCE AGENT desiring to represent a reliable FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, may address Box 1809, New York Post Office. 4w4

SELECT THE BEST!

WADSWORTH MARTINEZ & LONGMAN'S

PURE PAINTS,

Prepared for Immediate Use.

207 PEARL STREET, NEW YORK.

From the thousands of purchasers of our PREPARED PAINTS, we have yet to hear the first Complaint. The reason is apparent. Our Paints have stood the test of years, where all other paints have failed in durability. Their covering capacity, being greater than any other paint, presents a practical item of economy. Our paints are GUARANTEED in every particular—the consumer assuming no risk whatever, as we will re-paint any building on which our paints do not prove satisfactory; allowing a choice of English B. B. White Lead, or any other paint in use.

FOR SALE BY GEORGE ROBINSON, 3m3 Palmer, Mass.

RUTLAND MONUMENTAL WORKS.

The subscriber continues to represent the Monumental Works of Geo. F. White of Rutland, Vt., in the sale of

MONUMENTS, TABLETS, HEAD-STONES, Etc.,

in this vicinity, and can usually be found at the N. X. B. it. Depot, prepared to show a variety of Drafts, Views and Photographs of the plainest and most elaborate patterns, and at the LOWEST PRICES at which

FIRST-CLASS WORK

from the best material can be afforded.

Applications by mail promptly answered.

Palmer, Apr. 4th, 1877. O. L. SLADER. 4w2

PAINTING AND PAPER HANGING!

I am now prepared to do all kinds of

PAINTING, GRADING AND TINTING,

by experienced and practical workmen. Also, will give special attention to

PAPER HANGING & WALL DECORATIONS.

I shall also keep on hand a splendid line of

PAPER HANGINGS and BORDERS; also, Fresco Papers and Borders, comprising some of the finest patterns manufactured at

PRICES TO SUIT THE TIMES.

Satisfaction guaranteed in every case. Orders can be left at Smith & Co's. store.

Palmer, April 7th, 1877. E. C. SEXTON. 3w2

LADIES WISHING

To see the Latest Novelties of the Season are invited to call at

M. E. SEDGWICK'S ROOMS,

PLEASANT STREET, where they will find a good assortment of Spring Millinery, just opened.

DRESS-MAKING promptly attended to. 4w2

NOTICE.—Whereas my wife, Lizzie, has

left my bed and board, this is to forbid all persons from harboring or trusting her on my account, as I shall pay no debts of her contracting after this date.

L. J. ROYCE. 3w2t

FOR SALE!

A thorough-bred AYSHIRE BULL, fourteen months old.

Also, EGGS from PLYMOUTH ROCK FOWLS, warranted pure bred, \$1 for fifteen.

Monson, March 1, 1877. W. M. TUCKER. 48tf

STILL THEY COME!

MORE GOODS

LOWER PRICES!

W. A. FARNSWORTH & CO'S.

CLOTHING HOUSE.

SPECIAL ATTENTION

Is called to a new and elegant line of DRESS COATS AND

VESTS, perfect in style and finish. Also, some very

fine BUSINESS and DRESS SUITS.

A Large Stock of Pantaloon,

Made expressly for us at PRICES WHICH MUST INSURE

A RAPID SALE!

Elegant Hats & Furnishing Goods

Received Every Week.

All Goods Marked in Plain Figures.

Thanking the public for the very liberal patronage and en-

couragement we have thus far received, we solicit a continuance

of the same.

W. A. FARNSWORTH & CO.

Palmer, Mass., April 20th, 1877.

!! ATTENTION !!

CLOTHING, HATS, CAPS

Furnishing Goods,

388 Main Street,

OLD STAND OF F. J. PARKER & CO.

Whole Stock for Sale, either at Retail or in Bulk.

MR. J. A. BALDWIN, having been under the necessity of

taking this stock, will sell it at greatly reduced prices, some of

it much below cost, to close it out. This will afford yourself

an opportunity of obtaining CLOTHING enough for five

years' wear so low that you will not be wise in letting it pass.

After the goods are sold the store will be for rent.

J. A. BALDWIN.

Springfield, Jan. 1877.

\$1. \$1. \$1. \$1.

Where to go to spend it,

—AT THE—

New York \$1 Variety Store,

Just North of Boston Branch Grocery House,

329 MAIN ST.,

SPRINGFIELD, - - MASS.,

Having been recently enlarged to double its former size, now offers a fine assortment of

JEWELRY

SILVER PLATED WARE

WALL AND

SLIPPER POCKETS,

DRESSING CASES,

HAT, BOOK AND

TOWEL RACKS,

STANDS, VASES,

TOILET, MANTEL

AND WINE SETS,

MOUSTACHE CUPS,

Card Receivers, Cuspadores, Chromos, Mirrors,

Lamps, Satchels, Traveling Bags, Shawl Straps,

Musical Bells, Folios, Writing Desks, Work Boxes,

Stereoscopes and Views, Meerschaum Pipes,

Clocks, Doll Perambulators, Wagons, Carts and

an endless variety of Staple and

FANCY GOODS, TOYS, NOTIONS, &c.

THIS WEEK

FORBES & WALLACE

— OFFER —

150 doz. pr. Kid Gloves at \$1.00,

Reduced from \$1.50.

50 doz. Madam Foy's Skirt Supporters at 75c.

Reduced from \$1.00.

5 bales 36-inch Unbleached Cotton at 6 1/2 cts.

Worth 8 1/2 cts.

10 cases colored Dress Goods, all the latest

styles, at 25 cts., reduced from 37 1/2 cts.

10 pieces Black Silk at \$1.50.

Last week's price \$1.87 1/2.

5 pieces Black Silk at \$2.00.

Last week's price \$2.50.

Several cases of TABLE LINENS at a ma-

terial reduction from former prices.

15 pieces Turkey Red Table Cloth, best

Scotch Goods imported, at 87 1/2 cts.

25 pieces, not quite so heavy, but same col-

ors, at 75 cts., warranted fast colors.

Forbes & Wallace,

SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

STOCKBRIDGE MANURES.

The Most Economical Fertilizer in Use.

"Feed the Plant and the Plant will Feed you."

75 to 100 bushels of

CORN PER ACRE.

1500 to 2000 lbs. of

TOBACCO PER ACRE.

Just For Fun.

Up in the morning and out of bed,
He takes a nap on his frowny head,
And, seeing him like a crazy clown,
We know just the day will be his down.
He gives the kitten a shower-bath
And works her up to a state of wrath;
He ties a knot in her tail
And drops his cap in the milking-pail.
He drives the hen from her nest
The turkey and geese have no chance to rest;
And O, how they would like to see him run!
As if they knew it was just for fun.

He leaves his sister and pulls her ears,
And pulls her hair till he brings the tears,
And always so rough with her dolls and toys
That she says she will never play with boys.
Sometimes he carries his fun so far
That he's quite as rude as the street boys are,
And, called to account for his ways so rough,
Thinks "I didn't mean to!" excuse enough.

He's such a clown that he doesn't know
How deep in mischief a boy may go;
And yet so sorry when wrong is done
We can't help laughing 'twas just for fun.

JOSH BILLINGS ON HENS.

Josh Billings talks learnedly, as follows:
"The best time to set a hen is when the hen
is ready. I can tell you what the best breed
is, but the shanghai is the best. It costs
as much to board one as to a stage horse,
and you might as well undertake to fat a
fanning mill by running out thru it. There
is no profit in keeping a hen for her eggs if
he lase less than one a day. Hens are very
long lived if they don't contract the throat
disease; there is a great many goes to pot by
this melancholy disease. I can tell exactly
how few pick out a hen, but as a general
thing the long eared ones, I know, are the best
apt to scratch up the garden. Eggs packed
in equal parts of salt and lime water, with
the other end down, will keep from 30 to 40
years, if this is not disturbed. Fresh beef
steak is good for hens; I suppose 4 or 5
pound a day would be a hen would need
at first along. I shall be happy to advise
you, at any time, on the hen question—
and take it in eggs.

There has been an alarming increase
of railroad accidents since the new year came
in. A reliable authority reports the whole
number in January at 147, whereby 14 persons
were killed and 146 injured, of which 48
resulted directly from defect or failure of
road or equipment. Compared with January,
1876, there was an increase of 87 accidents,
of two in the number killed and of 119 in-
jured. For the year ending Feb. 1, 1877, the
record shows the whole number of accidents
to have been 1069, number of lives lost 830
and persons injured 1216.

Some sheep belonging to a farmer named
Reed having been stolen in the neighborhood
of a colliery village in Durham, England,
while the thief was still undiscovered, a local
preacher, having a collection to make, thought
he would turn the event to good account; so
he said: "We have a collection to make this
morning, and for the glory of God, whichever
of you stole Mr. Reed's sheep don't put any-
thing on the plate!" Of course everybody
joined in the collection.

One of our exchanges says: "It is not, un-
fortunately, generally known that in the case
of fire in buildings containing horses, if the
harness be merely put on, however roughly,
—the horses will quit the stables. A knowl-
edge of this fact may be the means of saving
many a valuable animal from a horrible death.

Where there is great power to do wrong,
to live and die justly is a hard thing and great-
ly to be praised, and few there are who attain
this. Such good and true men there have
been, however, and will be again, in this and
other states, who have fulfilled their trust
righteously.

Of all that has been said, nothing remains
unshaken but the saying that to do injustice
is more to be avoided than to suffer injustice,
and that the reality, and not the appearance
of virtue, is to be followed above all things,
as well in public as in private.

Two things, well considered, would prevent
many quarrels: first, to have it well ascer-
tained whether we are not disputing about
terms, rather than things; and, secondly, to
examine whether that on which we differ is
worth contending about.

We will not punish a man because he hath
offended, but that he may offend no more;
nor does punishment ever look to the past,
but to the future; for it is not the result of
passion, but the same thing may be guarded
against in time to come.

Hayes' family will spend the summer in
Vermont, but the President will live at the
Soldiers' Home, near Washington, absenting
himself from the Capital only a few days with
his family in mid-summer.

President and Mrs. Hayes, have determined
that at their public receptions and private en-
tertainments, neither wines nor liquors of any
kind shall be dispensed. All honor to them
for the noble example.

If a man has a right to be proud of any-
thing, it is of a good action done as it ought
to be, without base interest lurking at the bot-
tom of it.

There are some who would sacrifice a stout
heart to a stubborn will, and would rather die
martyrs for sin than servants to truth.

Neither time, nor death, nor eternity can
harm those who follow the light that God
throws upon their path.

A Christian has nothing to call his own,
save Christ and his salvation; all the rest is
sundered to God.

Most of the shadows that cross our path
through life are caused by our standing in our
own light.

The gentleman who kissed a lady's "snowy
brow," caught a severe cold, and has been
laid up ever since.

Why is your wife like dynamite? Because
she's apt to blow you up if harshly handled.

A new plan for protecting safes is to in-
close them in wire netting, so connected with
a battery and bell that the division of any por-
tion of the wire ruptures a circuit, and the
bell sounds the alarm.

That which moveth the heart most is the
best poetry; it comes nearest unto God, the
source of all power.

Manner is of importance. A kind No is
often more agreeable than a rough Yes.

Up-hill business—Sitting on a wheelbarrow
and trying to wheel yourself to glory.

Amsterdam, the commercial city, leans
over on piles and has mosquitoes.

In spite of the hard times the wages of sin
are still up to the old standard.

One gentleman in Paris lost \$100,000 at
gaming in a single day.

In what place are two heads better than
one? In a barrel.

DR. SCHENCK'S STANDARD REMEDIES.

The standard remedies for all diseases of the
lungs are Schenck's Pulmonic Syrup, Schenck's
Sea Weed Tonic, and Schenck's Mandrake Pills,
and if taken he the lungs are destroyed, a
speedy cure is effected.

To these three medicines Dr. J. H. Schenck, of
Philadelphia, owes his unrivalled success in the
treatment of pulmonary diseases.
The Pulmonic Syrup ripens the morbid matter in
the lungs; nature throws it off by an easy expec-
toration, for when the phlegm or matter is ripe a
slight cough will throw it off, the patient has rest
and the lungs begin to heal.
To enable the Pulmonic Syrup to do this,
Schenck's Mandrake Pills and Schenck's Sea Weed
Tonic must be freely used to cleanse the stomach
and liver. Schenck's Mandrake Pills act on the
liver, removing all obstructions, relax the gall
bladder, the bile starts freely, and the liver is soon
healed.

Schenck's Sea Weed Tonic is a gentle stimulant
and alterative; the alkali of which it is composed
mixes with the food and prevents souring. It as-
sists the digestion by toning up the stomach to a
healthy condition, so that the food and the Pul-
monic Syrup will make good blood; then the lungs
heal, and the patient will surely get well if care be
taken to prevent fresh cold.

All who wish to consult Dr. Schenck, either per-
sonally or by letter, can do so at his principal of-
fice, corner of Sixth and Arch streets, Philadel-
phia, every Monday. Schenck's medicines are sold
by all druggists throughout the country.

VEGETINE.

VEGETINE has never failed to effect a cure, giving
tone and strength to the system debilitated by
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THE LEGISLATURE.

From our own Correspondent.

Boston, April 25.

The Nichols Legislature of Louisiana on Tuesday elected Judge Spoford U. S. Senator, both Republicans and Democrats voting for him. He is considered a very able and high minded man, and promises to support the administration of President Hayes.

Prices still go up in some of the materials which are considered sinews of war. Flour rises a dollar a barrel since last Saturday, while beans go up from \$1.08 last fall to \$4 now. Luxuries don't go up at all; it is only the real substantial of life, which the poor are obliged to have, which go up on the top shelf.

The season is early and so is the potato bug. Farmers are turning up the latter with almost every new furrow, and there is prospect of a lively contest between bugs and potato misers, with a fear that the bug may come out first best. A resort to Paris green may be necessary to secure a triumph for the potato raiser.

The forwardness of the season is hurrying up farmers in their Spring work. Many of them have got in their early potatoes and early corn, though it is pretty early to put into the ground the latter. Gardening has been a favorite labor almost everywhere for the past week, and we may look for fresh vegetables quite early this year.

The war in Europe has really commenced. On the 24th the Russian army commenced crossing the river Pruth into Turkish territory. Diplomatic intercourse between Russia and Turkey is suspended, and the ministers of each to the other have withdrawn. The prospect is that active hostilities cannot long be prevented. The Russian army will invade Turkey through Romania, and Turkey threatens to turn loose 20,000 Circassians upon Romania to plunder her inhabitants.

DR. STARKWEATHER of Westfield, who sued the Springfield Republican, which had charged him with adultery with a Mrs. Bates of Westfield, a crime admitted in court by Mrs. Bates herself, has been convicted, and fined the enormous amount of one dollar, for so publishing. The jury evidently did not think the Doctor was much damaged by the publication, and the one dollar verdict was probably to show the estimate in which they held the Doctor's character.

THERE is little doubt that President Hayes and his wife are good honest temperance people, but that they will put wine away from the table when they have guests who are accustomed to use it, is attributing to them unaccustomed inhospitality. At a recent dinner given to the sons of the Emperor of Russia, who called on the President, wine was used, and even poured into a glass set for Mrs. Hayes herself, but we are not told whether the President or his wife sipped from their glasses or not. Besides it is nobody's business whether they did or didn't.

THE Louisiana wrong is completed. Packard, the legally elected Governor, has by the force of circumstances been compelled to abandon the Governorship of Louisiana, and Nicholas, who has no more right to it than any man in Massachusetts, takes the helm. There is an old axiom which counsels evil that good may come, and the President may have acted on that idea, but it is a stupendous wrong which the colored people of Louisiana can never forgive. The sending of a commission by the President to destroy a legally constituted Legislature and help a usurper into power is no credit to the Hayes administration, and will long remain a blot on its name. The members of either Legislature are not entitled to much respect, and such a man as ex-Governor Warmoth, who is endeavoring to put himself to the front under Nicholas, is a bad piece of property for any party to hold.

The U. S. troops were withdrawn from the vicinity of the State House on Tuesday, and late that night Packard left the executive department, first issuing an address to the Republicans of Louisiana, making a statement of the facts and protesting against the wrong which had taken place. Contrary to expectations the military of the Nichols government took possession of the State House early Wednesday morning, but the clerk of the House refused to organize that body till the troops were withdrawn and they were ordered away. Packard is very moderate in his parting words, and advises the Republicans to continue the battle for the rights of citizenship and good government. In closing, he says:

"It grieves me beyond expression that the heroic efforts you have made and the cruel sufferings you have undergone to maintain republican principles in Louisiana have had this bitter end. To those who so gallantly stood by me in the long contest we passed through I tender my heart-felt thanks. To all I counsel peace, patience, forbearance and firm trust that eventually right and justice will prevail."

At Youngstown, O., last Saturday, was held another instance of the terrible agony which poor prisoners are often called upon to suffer on account of bungling executioners. A condemned murderer named Sirlington was the victim, and when he fell the knot slipped around under his chin and the neck was not broken, so that the poor man struggled in great agony for fifteen minutes! Is not such punishment a disgrace to civilized nations?

FIRE IN WESTFIELD.—An incendiary fire in Westfield Sunday night destroyed a large frame house on Church street, occupied by several families. Another fire Monday morning in another house on the same street was promptly quenched. The last one was probably set accidentally by a young man who had been smoking a cigar.

The various tunnel "plans," or plans for the utilization of the Hoosac Tunnel, are in a fair way to be all discussed over again in both houses, and unless some sensible individual should perceive and embrace the opportunity to consign all the bills relating to the subject to the tender mercies of the street scavengers, the session of 1877 will be classed among the other unusually lengthy sessions of later times. An effort will be made of course, to put the Crane scheme on its feet, but what possible ground,—upon which to base any hopes of success—may exist in the minds of its "forlorn hope" of friends, no one has yet been able to find out. The attempt will probably be a feat, made more for the purpose of advertising the measure than anything else, and thus "keeping its memory green" for 1878. The friends of the Burr bill have had another "talk" with the committee, and some changes in that plan having been suggested and agreed upon, it is barely possible that this bill—as amended—may succeed in squeezing through. But "betting men," as the case now stands, would stake their money on the present toll-gate system, and a bill embodying the provisions of the "toll-gate" in an improved and enlarged edition, is more likely to pass both branches than all the other methods that have been proposed.

One change that seems to be desirable should be effected, and that is to take the management of this State railroad out of the hands of the Governor and council, who have plenty of other business claiming their attention, aside from superintending the running of railroads, and place it in the hands of the railroad commissioners, who, while advising everybody else in the State in regard to the efficient and economical method in which railroads should be conducted, ought to have an opportunity to illustrate their elaborate and finely-drawn theories, by running a railroad themselves,—and the opportunity here presents itself.

So let the Tunnel and its tributaries be consigned to the scientific manipulations of the "railroadist" of the patriot family, Quincy, and if the gentleman, in connection with his practical associates, and the boundless extent of his theoretical information, fails to give the troublesome bore its proper station in the railroad world, and place it upon a healthy and successful financial basis, then the Legislature had better give up the problem, stop going to "Troy and the lakes beyond," board up the big hole at each end, and tank "old Hoosac" by going round it, either through Canada or by the way of New Jersey. The prohibition liquor law has met with as sudden an ending as did "The Fat Man from Salem," of whom it is said that "he died without protest." The result was somewhat surprising to the friends of the bill, who had reason to expect from previous votes a far different result. Some have attributed the cause of the failure of this bill to the want of leadership,—and that means, I suppose, a deficiency of knowledge in the art of wire-pulling,—and as the other side, the rum side, rallied under the distinguished leadership of the gentleman with the blue necktie,—who hails from Worcester—the natural consequence was that the "prohibits" labored under some vital disadvantages, and defeat was certain. In the opinion of some, however, it makes no real difference to the cause of temperance which way these Legislative squabbles result, only the existence of the prohibition law upon the statute book would be a much more efficient moral aid to the cause than the enactment of the present law; but the real, practical, telling work must be done by individual action, independent of laws, and therefore, aside from the exception named, "is not material," as the lawyers say, so far as practical results are concerned, which law you enact.

The hearing on the Westboro "barbarities"—concerning which the entire press of the State have been more or less exercised over—had its final "blow-out" this morning, when Mr. Allen of Boston, the self-constituted counsel for the prosecution, waxed eloquent over the wrongs which have been committed in the name of the Commonwealth, and pictured to the horrified minds of the committee—or somebody else—the enormities of this modern "barbarism," so to speak. Mr. Allen evidently takes great interest in boys. Most men are apt to be more interested in girls, but boys and steam engines are without doubt subjects of special consideration from the member from Boston, and he proposes to unfold to the Charitable Committee the secret of his plan for controlling these hitherto uncontrollable and seared heroes of many a back-alley fight, and to demonstrate that the unholy passions of these young pirates of the streets can be much more efficiently subdued by pouring ginger and molasses down their throats, than by the good old-fashioned parental style of "across-the-knee" exercise.

Moody and Sankey are nearly through with their revival season at Boston, but it is proposed to keep the Tabernacle standing for a year or more, in hopes of having another revival next Spring, when a noted English Episcopal revivalist will conduct the services, assisted by Mr. Moody. An excursion party of 300 from Newburyport visited the meetings Thursday, and it has been crowded at nearly every service this week.

President and Mrs. Hayes have set their temperance principles before the nation, in refusing to take wine themselves, or place it before their guests, although wine was served out to the Grand Duke Alexis, when he dined recently at the White House, at the urgent request of Secretary Evarts, who feared the noble Russians would be wrongly impressed.

BURNING OIL.—Lightning struck a tank of oil in Petrolia, Pa., containing 22,000 barrels of the fluid. The burning oil set fire to two other tanks, one of which ran down a creek for a mile, destroying everything in its course. The loss in one town alone was over \$30,000.

A little son of Matthew Cox, only four years of age, living on Holyoke street, Boston, was shot in the head last Saturday afternoon, by one of his little playmates, who had obtained possession of a revolver. He died very soon after.

The direct losses by the recent flood at Stafford, Conn., are estimated at \$234,000, and the indirect losses will count up as much more, probably.

The Committee of the Worcester Common Council upon Appropriations has voted to cut down 20 per cent. all salaries over \$1500.

It is now estimated that the Southbridge and East Brookfield railroad can be built for \$200,000, one-half the first estimate.

LOCAL BUSINESS NOTICES.

H. G. Cross takes best retouched photographs at \$2.00 per dozen.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Ellis Dodge is acting as weigher of mails at the Boston & Albany station here.

Next Wednesday at 2 p. m. will be sold the "Dr. Vail homestead," on South Main St.

The semi-annual election of officers of the Temple of Honor comes next Monday evening.

The school-teachers should not forget the meeting this forenoon with Prof. Walton and Mr. Hubbard.

Principal Baldwin has received from his class in English Literature a handsome copy of Bryant's poems.

The Ware River R. R. stockholders held their annual meeting at the Antique House next Wednesday.

The reports of the Palmer and Monson National Banks this week make a very favorable showing for the hard times.

E. S. Gibbons, a young man from Granville, has bought out the shoe store of Lyman Dimock, and taken possession this week.

We have noticed, this week, several fine blocks of imported marble on their way to the marble and granite works of C. W. White.

Survetus Leach has contracted to make improvements on the Central street house of Mrs. Henry Jones, by raising up the ell, etc.

The first division, A. O. H., chose a new board of officers at their meeting in Peeney's Hall to-morrow, and every member should be on hand.

The front of the old Journal block and contiguous buildings on either side of it, have received a fresh coat of paint this week. An improvement.

Judge Colt of the Supreme Court in Springfield, Tuesday, granted a divorce to Susan Thurston of Palmer, from James H. Thurston, for desertion.

Mr. R. J. Gardner of Wilbraham, "Sodom," has furnished us an egg laid by one of his hens, which weighs five ounces and measures a little less than a foot in length.

A passenger put off the ears at Wilbraham a short time ago, for non payment of fare, got assistance by playing deaf and dumb, and was helped on his way to Hoosac Falls.

Deacon Converse and H. Lawrence were the delegates from the 2d Cong. church to the Wilbraham conference Tuesday, and quite a number of Palmer people were in attendance.

It is good news for the boys that the price of base balls this spring are nearly or quite 50 per cent. below last year's prices, and that there are at least ten new styles to choose from.

A. H. Willis has put out a large new sign on top of his Cross' block dry goods and clothing store, whose bright red letters are expected to catch the eye of many a new customer.

The property of L. C. Carter on South Main street, consisting of dwelling house, lot, and household furniture, will be sold at auction at an adjourned sale at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Anchor of Hope Lodge, I. O. G. T., emphatically denies the insinuation that it is dead, or has any idea of dying. For the coming quarter Henry McGiff is W. C. T. U., Mary Nelson W. V. T. L. S. Rodgers, W. S., and H. G. Cross W. Treas.

Herman Berger, so well known to our Palmer ladies, who removed to Holyoke and took under himself a wife, had a reception at his residence, this week, and was presented with an elegant gold watch, with other gifts of jewelry to the value of \$400 in all.

An unusually good run of work will keep the hat mills running a month longer, and they now employ a double set of hands, and run late at night. Mr. Goddard is a thoroughly wide awake man and lets no opportunities pass of making hay while the sun shines.

It is said that the manufacturers are calling in the "marbled kitchen-ware," which has been so thoroughly shown up as dangerous to use on account of the poisonous nature of its covering. The granite ware, which somewhat resembles it in appearance, is vouched for as perfectly safe, and will be allowed to remain.

Miss Marion H. Sterns of Springfield, the talented reader, whose selections so pleasantly entertained the audience at the moot court, will read at the Cong. vestry next Thursday evening. Admission 25 cents, reserved seat tickets can now be secured at the Post Office and at Allen & Cowan's drug store, without extra charge.

Van Amburgh & Co's new great golden circus, menagerie, and colosseum will exhibit on the Agricultural grounds Friday, May 11th, afternoon and evening. This is the company's 55th season in America, and the long experience of the managers enables them to secure first-class artists and animals for their exhibition. For particulars see advertisement.

The press upon our advertising columns is greater than they can bear, and as a consequence the double column advertisement of Messrs. Farnsworth & Co., the Nassawanno House clothing, is unusually crowded out, but our readers will still find them on hand with lots of new goods at less than Boston prices. Seeing is believing, and they give you a standing invitation to drop in and see for yourselves.

We like to record the success or advancement of our Palmer boys, and we are therefore pleased to see the name of W. W. Leete in the department of Rhetoric and English Literature in the appointments for Amherst commencement. This appointment was made in accordance with the plan by which each professor appoints the man best adapted to represent his department, without regard to the proficiency of the students in other branches.

John M. Brown, a traveling salesman for the Powers Paper Company, put up his team at Marey's stable a few weeks ago, and departed for Canada, whither he was followed by State Detective Webster, and brought back. On Saturday he was arraigned before the Springfield court for stealing something like \$1000 from his employers, plead guilty and went to jail in default of bonds. Mr. Brown is well-known to our merchants and village people.

The society for the prevention of cruelty to animals warns the public against using horses having glanders and farcy, both incurable diseases and dangerous to man and beast. It says the common law punishes by both fine and imprisonment any party driving a horse thus diseased into a public road, street or place, which will lead to the conviction of any one bleeding calves before they are killed for market. P. W. Webster is agent of the society for Palmer.

Lyman Dimock of this village and Elijah Spear of Wakefield are members of the new board of directors of the Westfield Baptist Associa-

tion, which met in Springfield Wednesday. The same day Rev. Dr. Anable was installed over the first Baptist church of that city, Rev. Dr. Crane of Hartford preaching the sermon, and Rev. A. K. Potter giving the right hand of fellowship. The latter made humorous allusions in his talk to the neighboring Baptist pastors, speaking of Rev. Mr. Berry (nearly removed to Palmer) as one who stood transplanting from the Presbyterian garden very well. The usual supper was well attended and netted about \$60.

WALES.

The Wales Savings Bank holds its annual meeting next week Tuesday.

BRIMFIELD.

William H. Wyles of Brimfield died on Tuesday at his home, aged 55 years. He was the only son of the late John Wyles, and for ten years a selectman of the town, and during the war did good service recruiting.

BONDVILLE.

George Fowler, who not long ago commenced the manufacture of printing paper at Bondville, died at his residence in Springfield a few days since, of consumption, aged 35. He was widely known and esteemed by a large circle of friends. His wife is also well known in musical circles. Mr. Fowler was buried by the Knight Templars of Westfield, Tuesday.

BELCHERTOWN.

The "Pendleton place" has been purchased by Dr. Robinson.

The new post-office has been contracted for, and will cost \$2500.

The Phi Beta Kappa appointments for the class of 1878, at Amherst, include the name of W. L. Cowles of Belchertown, and he is also a monitor for the same class.

THREE RIVERS.

Charles H. Decie of Three Rivers has been granted a divorce from his wife Margaret on account of her confirmed habits of intemperance.

A special agent of the post office department has been in town looking up the matter of the change of post office, and hearing long statements from all parties to the controversy.

Rev. M. M. Tracy of Hartford, Ct., is to receive a call from the Union Evangelical Society of Three Rivers to become their pastor. At their meeting Monday evening it was also voted to pay him a salary of \$1000 and house rent. Mr. Tracy was formerly the principal of the Elm street school in Springfield. The society hope to have their new church finished on or about the first of July.

WILBRAHAM.

The conference of Congregational churches on Tuesday drew a large company together. After the reports from the various churches, the subject of "Personal appeal to the unconverted," was opened by an essay, and then the topic, "How to get Christians to attend the prayer meetings," which elicited considerable diversity of opinion. The "humble repast" to which the delegates and others sat down at noon, was bountiful and tempting enough to have caused even a hermit to regain his sociability, and the generous hospitality of the ladies of the Wilbraham church could not have been excelled. Such meetings as this can not fail to do much good in uniting the various churches of the conference in the bonds of fellowship.

WEST WARREN.

E. Brewer & Son's meat market is offered for sale.

C. B. Elwell has commenced to remodel his dwelling house.

The first game of ball of the season was played last Saturday afternoon.

J. B. Lombard & Son are rapidly replacing the store building which was burned some time ago.

C. L. Carter is making several improvements about his house on Main now occupied by Lord & L. Blair.

The cricket club is still in existence, and have rented of the Geo. H. Gilbert Mfg. Co. the ball grounds for another season.

A young child of Michael Collins fell out of its high chair on the stove a short time since, and received some severe burns.

The hose company is in good spirits, having got their year's salary, and because the town voted to refund them the money they paid for uniforms—some \$150.

The Cong. society sent their pews this (Saturday) evening. They have elected C. B. Elwell clerk and treasurer; C. L. Carter, collector; C. P. Crossman, R. E. Blair, and Willard Hall, prudential committee.

A party of about seventy-five of the friends and acquaintances of Rev. J. S. Barrows went to visit him Wednesday evening at his home in Brookfield. It is almost needless to say a very pleasant affair it proved to all.

A committee of five was appointed at the meeting last Saturday to solicit money for putting up street lamps, and a committee of three to prepare a list of names for the streets.

An adjourned meeting this evening will hear the reports of both these committees.

Elis Smith has sold his farm of 130 acres, that has been in the hands of the family for at least three generations, to H. W. Hall of Boylston, for \$2500. Mr. Smith will not remove to Bondville, as was first reported, but in company with Mr. Thayer of Belchertown, he has purchased the store of Chas. Murdock of Three Rivers, where he will soon go.

MONSON.

Philips and Groat are cleaning up their soda fountains for the summer campaign.

D. G. Green has leased his hotel to a Mr. White, who takes possession about the 1st of May.

Rev. Mr. Lummis and family have located, and the Methodist church have secured a good sermonizer in their new pastor.

Danforth & Bartlett are busy on D. W. Ellis' new house, and will soon have it ready for occupancy.

The Stephen O. Warriner farm was sold last Monday for \$12.50 per acre, with the buildings and about 50 acres of land left out.

An alarm of fire was caused Wednesday night by the bursting of a kerosene lamp in a tenement block belonging to Mr. Reynolds. Damage slight.

There is an unusually large amount of gossip afloat, but the "oldest inhabitant" says, "there is not a word of truth in half of the lies told now-a-days."

A bald-headed eagle, measuring 7 feet from tip to tip, was recently captured at the North Village, and its mate came around and was seen in the woods for a day or two.

Wm. King, the surveyor in district No. 1, is cleaning up the streets, and it is a wonder how so many stones get into the middle of the road.

Col. Conwell delivered his lecture, "Lawyers," on Wednesday evening, to a small but appreciative audience who pronounce it first-rate and well worthy a better house.

W. K. Flynt, who purchased the Deacon Homer residence and land, is making needed improvements thereon, and will have one of the finest locations in town when completed according to his plans.

The roads have not been in so good a condition at this season of the year for a long time, and our selectmen will do well to make small appointments this spring, for summer and fall showers may call for more funds.

Summer Blodgett in returning from Stafford a few days since, was stopped by three tramps, but by putting the whip to his horse he got

away. This tramp business is getting to be a nuisance, and some method ought to be devised to rid the community of this pest to society.

There is "music in the air" from ten to twelve in the evening, near the town pump, and rumor has it that a wife waiting for her husband to come out between drinks tried to drown herself in the watering trough; but the physician who was called gave restoratives and advice, and she "still lives."

Sherman Converse of Westboro, who formerly lived here, met with a sad accident last Monday, in going from Worcester to Boston on the express train. He wished to throw off a paper to his son at Westboro, and his arm, coming in contact with a post as he threw the paper out, was broken in two places.

The rebuilding of the steeple of the Cong. church is not as yet fully decided upon, plans have been made and estimates furnished of various devices, some for a dome similar to the East one, and some of different and more elaborate finish, but probably the rebuilding of anything as tall and as insecure as the old one will not be entertained.

The readers of the JOURNAL will remember an occasional item in regard to the old horse sheds, which were so persistently noticed that they were cremated. We are glad to hear that Geo. M. King contemplates moving and otherwise improving the livery barn in rear of the old horse sheds, so as to make that once noted locality look inviting and in keeping with the usual neat and tidy appearance of our Main street.

It is fun to see the fluctuation in the prices of shirts. One day one dealer advertised at \$1.00, another dealer said 98 cents for same goods, then came 87 1/2, and No. 2 dealer said 85, then No. 1 dropped to 75, and No. 2 to 73, then No. 1 dropped to 67, and No. 2 to 65, and finally No. 1 dropped to 50, and No. 2 to 48, and the best joke of the whole story is that there were no shirts sold by either party at the prices, except a couple which one party got a man to buy for him of the other party. Great competition, but no sales resulting from it.

The Monson Cornet Band, A. D. Norcross leader, have given us two magnificent street parades and specimens of their way of dispensing blessings to our community, by way of free musical entertainments, and the great proficiency they seem to have made since the out-door concerts last fall can but draw orders for their services wherever known. We are proud of having a band with good uniforms and a good uniform band, which we are not ashamed to have appear in any place as a sample of the young men of Monson.

A warrant is out for town meeting on Saturday, May 5th, to see if the town will annul its action in regard to building a school house in district No. 4. The matter was acted upon April 24, and the town voted to build a school house in district No. 4, but some dissatisfied ones in the district say the district system has been abolished, and therefore the vote is illegal, and now the new article asks for a new school house for school No. 4. Such nice technicalities will, if followed up, always cause more or less trouble. The district system is still in vogue here, as the assessors take their lists by districts, the selectmen choose surveyors by districts, and it does seem as though district No. 4 ought to have a school house without going through the usual district fight in regard to location, when the majority of the voters are satisfied with the house as now arranged.

WARE AND VICINITY.

A. S. Clark of Turners Falls has been appointed assessor of A. D. Blackmer.

The Unitarian social club made eight dollars from their drama Tuesday evening.

There will be a union temperance meeting in the Methodist Church Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

Trout fishing is all the rage now, and many suckers have lately been seen upon the banks of the trout brooks.

About fifty dogs have a right to live for the ensuing year, but the town clerk still has empty license blanks.

R. Snow has built a large refrigerator at the Hampshire House, and expects to keep things cool this summer.

Fred. W. Farrar has removed his goods from his old store to the new, where he is prepared to meet customers.

Miss Jennie B. Lawton of Ware is to be the Salutatorian of her class at the Normal School graduation at Westfield in June.

J. H. Cummings & Co. have made extensive improvements in their market on Church street, including a large new refrigerator.

W. E. Lewis leaves for Wisconsin early next week. Mr. Lewis is having good success as an evangelist in Wisconsin, and the sympathies and best wishes of his many friends here follow him in his work.

Kit Carson, Jr., lectured in Music Hall Monday evening to a small audience, who for the most part appreciated it. We understand Ware has some rifle men who can shoot as well as Carson did Monday evening.

The Brookfield association of ministers held a meeting in Ware Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. A preaching service, the only public one of the session, was held at the chapel Tuesday evening, with a sermon by Rev. M. L. Richardson of Sturbridge.

The Channing society is now officered as follows: Mrs. J. W. Robinson, President; Miss L. V. Galland, vice pres.; Mrs. M. A. Richardson, sec. and treas.; Mrs. H. Wilcox, Mrs. B. F. Angell, Mrs. J. Gates, Mrs. I. T. Warner, executive committee.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians, 3d division, of Ware, recently chose officers as follows: President, Owen McMahon; vice pres., Matthew Kelley; recording sec'y, Richard Finn; financial sec'y, Patrick J. Foley; treasurer, Edward A. Mooney; sergeant-at-arms, John Barry.

Eight hundred volumes or about one-third of the Library has been re-catalogued. Two very worthy books have recently been added. Dean Stanley's "History of the Jewish Church," and Schliemann's "Troy and its Remains." Also, The Scientific American, weekly, and The Library Journal, monthly.

A German student lamp exploded in the Hampshire House, in Mrs. H. C. Wetwell's room, last Saturday evening, setting fire to a very costly table spread, one or two articles of wearing apparel, and damaged the carpet and some other property before the fire was subdued. The loss was promptly settled by the insurance company.

Prof. Wheeler of Palmer had about as disagreeable a night for his concert last week as could be conjured up, but despite this he and his artists came up by special train, and were greeted by an audience of over 300 interested listeners. The Misses Feeney were received by a storm of applause, and Liberati, Wheeler, Colburn and Teague were also especially popular. The Stimpson sisters of Westfield, who were no strangers, were warmly welcomed. Home talent was represented by Miss Wylie, who gave a very creditable piano solo. The enterprise of Prof. Wheeler in giving so good a concert in face of so many obstacles was highly commended.

HINTS AND HAPPENINGS.

The "seat of war" will be an Ottoman.

A gentleman shad is of the best flavor.

Mrs. Belknap has gone to her Iowa home.

There is a bear movement in Russia leather.

The King of Sweden can talk five languages.

Ex-Gov. Hendricks is in Southern California.

Dark hair should be worn smoother than fair hair.

Small ermine will be in favor during the summer.

White gloves of undressed kid are used for evening wear.

Chains with balls are very fashionable—in the penitentiary.

Salt is now imported in large quantities from Europe at low rates.

Sixty million feet of lumber is afloat on the Connecticut River.

One Ball's six-year-old daughter is being educated as a violinist.

A firm in New Bedford are making flour barrels out of paper pulp.

Miss Gabrielle Greeley is pronounced "the handsomest girl in New York."

Laurelburg boasts 31 persons over 80 years of age, the oldest being 92.

Los Angeles, Cal., people call their town a hammer. It has 20,000 bee-hives.

An old woman living at Morton has eight great grand children.

There are 173 children under 15 years of age employed in the shoe factories of Lynn.

It cost the city of Brooklyn \$10,000 to bury the victims of the Brooklyn theatre disaster.

It is proposed to change the name of Samtoga and call it Morrisiana, in honor of John.

Good farm hands who have commanded \$25 to \$30 a month can now get only from \$12 to \$15.

Husbands and fathers will be pleased to learn that "small checks" are to be fashionable for silks next summer.

Mrs. Samuel A. Deau of Sheffield has a sample of maple sugar made by her late husband in the spring of 1827, 50 years ago.

Rev. A. J. Bates of Saundersville has relinquished \$100 of his salary for the coming year to meet the exigency of the times.

See advertisement N. Y. & variety store, 4w2

Sulphur baths 3 cents. The beneficial results of sulphur baths are too well known to require comment. The effects of Glenn's Sulphur Soap in the bath are truly electrical, completely deodorizing offensive accumulations, and thoroughly purifying the entire surface of the body. Sold by druggists, 25 cents. Hill's Hair and Whisker Dye, black or brown, 50 cents. 4w1

Every Invalid Should Know It.

The reports from all parts of the country confirm the statement that Dr. Wagon's great vegetable remedy called "MEDICAL WAGON" is having an immense sale by all druggists. The proprietors do not expend enormous sums for flaring advertisements, but prefer to let the medicine advertise itself by sending to druggists throughout the country, sample bottles, for trial, at a cost of many thousand dollars per year, that invalids may test its merits before purchasing a large size. No person suffering with dyspepsia, indigestion, liver or kidney complaints, sour stomach, sick headache, habitual constipation, scrofulous humors, spinal diseases, weakness of male or female, or general nervous prostration of either sex, can take this remarkable medicine without soon seeing its good effects. Go to your druggist and get a sample bottle for 15 cents, and try it; or a large size for \$1.00. It has cured where all other remedies have failed. Sold in Palmer by G. H. APPLETON. 1y38

Don't Spend a Dollar until you have tried this.

Wood's Improved Hair Restorer is unlike any other, and has no equal. The Improved has new vegetable tonic properties; restores gray hair to a glossy, natural color; restores faded, dry, harsh and falling hair; restores, dresses, gives vigor to the hair; restores hair to premature bald heads; removes dandruff, humors, scaly eruption; removes irritation, itching and scaly dryness. No article produces such wonderful effects. Try it; call for Wood's Improved Hair Restorer, and don't be put off with any other article. Sold by all druggists in this place, and dealers everywhere. Trade supplied at manufacturers' prices by C. A. Cook & Co., Chicago, Sole Agents for the United States and Canada, and by Weeks & Potter, Boston. 9m23

BORN.

At Three Rivers, 23d, a son to AUGUSTUS WILLIAMS. At Ware, 25th, a son to GEORGE LAMBERTON. Weight 12 pounds. 4w7.

MARRIED.

At Springfield, 21st, by Rev. J. Scott, CHARLES L. BLISS and LOTTIE E., daughter of Wm. Munger. 4w7.

DIED.

At Wilbraham, 25th, of diphtheria, MAMIE E., 5 years and 3 months, youngest daughter of Stillman and Julia S. Ellis. At Warren, 21st, MARY, 67, wife of Stephen Silley. At Springfield, 21st, JESSIE M., 41, wife of Francis Norton. At North Easton, 21st, D. S. HASTY, 35, editor of the Stoughton Sentinel and Easton Journal. 4w7.

TWO GOOD EXPRESS WAGONS for sale cheap for CASH. G. A. HUNT. 5f

TO RENT CHEAP!

A good up-stairs Tenement. G. A. HUNT. 5f

CARRIAGE SHOP TO RENT!

The subscriber offers to rent, or to let on shares, a good carriage and blacksmith shop in Palmer. A fine chance for a free man. For particulars inquire of G. A. HUNT. 5f

NOTICE!

Having sold to E. S. GIBBONS my stock in trade and good will, I desire at this time to express my gratitude for the very liberal patronage I have received. I shall be for a short time at the old stand, where all indebted to me are requested to make immediate payment. L. DIMOCK. 5f

I HAVE purchased of L. DIMOCK his stock of **BOOTS and SHOES**, and shall continue the business at the old stand, where I shall keep constantly on hand a full assortment of goods in my line, which will be for your interest to buy. I invite his old patrons and all **CASH CUSTOMERS** to give me a call. My motto is cash and small profits. Palmer, April 27th 1877. E. S. GIBBONS. 5f

A FRESH AND VARIED STOCK OF GARDEN

And FINE FLOWER SEEDS! We have aimed to secure a desirable assortment, and customers will find our stock complete. 4w4

A large and choice selection of the finest **FLOWERING PLANTS**, constantly on hand. Orders for large quantities will be promptly filled with the healthiest plants. 4w4

SPRING MEDICINES of all kinds, and CRUDE DRUGS and Medicinal preparations in endless variety for Physicians' prescriptions and family use. 4w4

All kinds of **DYE STUFFS IN EVERY FORM!** All the new and popular remedies of the day. 4w4

Customers will find our **CROQUET SETS VERY CHEAP** this year. The finest games we shall sell for about one-half the original price. 4w4

BASE BALLS, BATS, and Gaming Implements in large varieties. **APPLETON'S VARIETY STORE,** Entrance to Post Office, 5f PALMER, MASS. 4w4

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE MONSON NATIONAL BANK, at Monson, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business, April 14, 1877.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts,	\$67,283 57
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation,	60,000 00
Other stocks, bonds and mortgages,	12,575 00
Due from approved reserve agents,	16,875 44
Due from other national banks,	1,235 00
Real estate, furniture and fixtures,	1,700 00
Current expenses and taxes paid,	30 19
Premiums paid,	5,500 00
Checks and other cash items,	62 00
Bill of other banks,	7,150 00
Fractional currency (including nickels),	91 84
Specie (including gold treasury certificates),	103 84
Legal tender notes,	9,490 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation),	2,700 00
Total,	\$184,907 46
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in,	\$75,000 00
Surplus fund,	1,150 00
Undivided profits,	133 88
National Bank notes outstanding,	61,000 00
Dividends unpaid,	1,300 00
Individual deposits subject to check,	54,133 58
Demand certificates of deposit,	1,820 00
Total,	\$184,907 46

State of Massachusetts, County of Hampden, ss: I, E. F. MORRIS, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. E. F. MORRIS, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of April, 1877. C. L. PECK, Justice of the Peace. CORRECT—Attest: C. H. MERRICK, R. S. MERRICK, ALFRED NORKOS, Directors. 1y38

DR. C. T. STOCKWELL, Dentist. Office 274 Main street, Shiner's block, Springfield, Mass. Residence, Chicopee Falls. 1y38

CASKETS.

I am now prepared to furnish Stien's Patent Burial Casket, in

BLACK OR WHITE BROADCLOTH

or Purple Velvet. The newest Casket made in this country. Also Full Cloth and Table for such occasions.

I have on hand a splendid assortment of

BURIAL SHROUDS

of all kinds for sale. All of these articles I will furnish at LOWER PRICES than they can be bought in any City.

FLOWERS OF ALL KINDS

furnished when wanted.

Palmer, April 4th, 1877.

THE ESTEY ORGAN

May be seen at our store, for which we are SOLE AGENTS in this vicinity.

SOLD LOW FOR CASH, OR ON THE INSTALLMENT PLAN.

Melodeons or old instruments taken in exchange.

ORDERS RECEIVED for any style of PIANO or any of our musical instruments. An assortment of PIANO STOOLS on hand.

ALLEN & COWAN.

Palmer, April 7, 1877.

NEW MUSIC JUST RECEIVED!

Sold to Teachers at a Discount. AT ALLEN & COWAN'S.

SCHOOL BOOKS!

And everything wanted for School purposes at lowest rates. AT ALLEN & COWAN'S.

THE ANTALGICA

Is a MEDICINE FOR ALL SEASONS, and should be in every family. It is a sure antidote for ALL PAIN—EXTERNAL or INTERNAL.

It has been in use for more than a quarter of a century, and still surpasses any other Pain Killer made. Prepared only by ALLEN & COWAN.

THE NEW ENGLAND CATARRH REMEDY

Is the surest and best remedy known for the cure of that terrible disease, Catarrh. Prepared only by ALLEN & COWAN.

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260 MAIN STREET,

SPRINGFIELD.

RUTLAND MONUMENTAL WORKS.

The subscriber continues to represent the Monumental Works of Geo. F. White of Rutland, Vt., in the sale of

MONUMENTS, TABLETS, HEAD-STONES, Etc.,

in this vicinity, and can usually be found at the N. L. N. R. R. Depot, prepared to show a variety of Drafts, Views and Photographs of the plainest and most elaborate patterns, and at the LOWEST PRICES at which

FIRST-CLASS WORK from the best material can be afforded.

Applications by mail promptly answered. O. L. SLAHER. 4w2

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Is extended to the citizens of Ware and vicinity, especially the Ladies, to call and examine MY LARGE NEW STOCK

—OF—

SPRING MILLINERY, FANCY DRY GOODS, LADIES' UNDERWEAR, HOSIERY,

Corsets, Kid Gloves, Ties, Laces, Buttons, etc., in Gill's Block, Main street.

Having secured the services of a Fashionable Milliner, of long experience from New York City, we are fully prepared to meet the wants of all in this line. CUTTING and BASTING to order. Prices to suit the times.

1m4 Mrs. M. M. GRAY, Ware, Mass.

LADIES WISHING

To see the Latest Novelties of the Season are invited to call at

M. E. SEDGWICK'S ROOMS,

PLEASANT STREET, where they will find a good assortment of Spring Millinery, just opened.

DRESS-MAKING promptly attended to. 4w2

ASSESSORS' NOTICE!

The inhabitants of the town of Palmer are hereby notified to bring in to the assessors, assessors of said Palmer, on the first day of May next, at the Town House, true lists of their polls and of all their estates, both real and personal (not exempted from taxation), of which they are possessed on the first of May next.

JOHN CLOUGH, Assessors

DAVID KNOX, D. B. BISHOP, 2w1

FASHIONABLE DRESSMAKING!

Mrs. W. CRITCHON announces to the Ladies of Palmer and vicinity that she is prepared to execute their orders promptly and artistically. Two APPRENTICES WANTED. Residence nearly opposite the Blanchardville school house. Palmer, March 1, 1877. 4w1

BOY WANTED!

A smart, active Boy to learn the business. Apply at G. H. APPLETON'S. 4f

C. A. RISLEY & Co., Stone Merchants.

Turned Colonial Columns a specialty. Also, all kinds of Stones, Mantels and Beloves. Come and see them at 273 Main Street, Springfield, Mass. P. O. Box 935. 6m3

TENEMENT TO RENT!

One of ten rooms, first-class, in the village Also, a Carpenter's Shop. Palmer, March 2, 1877. Enquire of M. FOX. 4w1

The Leviathan of the Road!

175 HORSES. 50 WAGONS. 150 MEN.

VAN AMBURGH & CO'S.

— NEW —

GREAT GOLDEN MENAGERIE, FROST'S Roman Circus & Royal Colosseum.



WILL EXHIBIT AT

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On the Eastern Hampden Agricultural Grounds, ON FRIDAY, MAY 11, 1877.

AFTERNOON AND EVENING.

55th ANNUAL TOUR. HYATT FROST, Manager.

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Contains among its numerous attractions

FIVE OF THE WORLD'S CHAMPION RIDERS,

AS FOLLOWS:

Mlle. CLARINDA LOWANDA, the Brilliant Brazilian Female Bare Back Equestrienne. A wonderful, graceful and daring performer.

GEORGE MELVILLE, the accomplished bare back somersault rider. He has just returned from Europe, and is a pupil of the renowned JAMES MELVILLE, and intrepid and very daring.

WILLIAM DU CROW, the word-renowned hurdle rider, lately from Buenos Ayres, has medals to prove him an equestrian of superior ability.

NAP. LOWANDA is emphatically the most daring rider traveling. His performance is made intensely interesting by a variety of juggling acts while upon his bare back steed.

GEORGE DONALD, the famous English Jockey Rider, has no equal in his wonderful performance.

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Very glib of tongue, and full of incident, anecdote, mirth and song, representing four respective nations, as follows:

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VAN AMBURGH'S GREAT GOLDEN MENAGERIE

Contains one or more of almost every animal ever in captivity, and the

GRAND STREET PARADE

of the animal Dons, Vans, Cages and Charlots, which takes place every day at or near 10 o'clock a. m. is a sight worth going many miles to see. Every cage, wagon, chariot etc., is really painted and decorated. BIRCHAL PAINTINGS, from the famous collection of the eminent artist, Gustav Dore, are promine upon every cage. The procession will be headed by

Prof. LOUIS DRIEVE'S CHICAGO SILVER CORNET BAND,

And will discourse eloquent music both before and during every performance.

THE LARGEST ELEPHANT IN THE WORLD,

The MAMMOTH BOLIVAR,

A DROVE OF CAMELS, TRICK HORSES, PONIES AND MULES will also take part in the parade; but it is to be understood that

The Show is Under Canvas,

AND NOT ON THE STREET!



AMONG THE Most WONDERFUL Animals

space will not permit our mentioning more than a few.

Two-Horned RHINOCEROS,

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